

red - purple - green - orange

Elmer by David McKee

Hello everyone!

How are you all, I hope you`re all looking after each other. I spoke to lots of your grown ups last week, it`s great to hear you are all doing ok.

This week`s story is about being different. It`s ok to be different in many ways and the brightly coloured elephant in this story finds out why.

- Listen to the story here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abVx9_dPKg8
- Talk about the story - how are the elephants the same? Different? Were the elephants surprised when Elmer turned grey? Why is it ok to be different?
- There`s lots of ideas your grown up might like to try with you here <https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/library/books/elmer>
- Make stick puppets-characters from the story to retell it.
- Elmer enjoyed wearing a disguise. Can you find different clothes to dress up in? Maybe you could borrow some of your grown-ups clothes! Find hats and scarves, glasses to add to your disguise! See how different you look in them, you could ask your grown up to take photos of you!
- Try sorting items according to their colour. Search around and collect lots of different things, count how many you have found then sort all the red ones, blue ones etc and count each colour set. Which colour did you find most of? It`s fun to do this with sweets if you`re allowed to!
- Make patterns with lego, duplo, building bricks. Can you start a pattern and your grown up continue it? Can you follow your grown-up`s pattern?
- Elmer mixed lots of colours together to make new shades. You could try this too. There`s ideas how to do this here, even using sweets again!
<https://teaching2and3yearolds.com/preschool-colour-mixing-activities/>
- This is a really clever experiment to try using ice-cubes and colours
<https://www.learning4kids.net/2015/06/16/exploring-mixing-primary-colours-activity>
- You could even try mixing berries together to make paint just like Elmer. Choose which berries you`d like to use - strawberries, blackberries, blueberries etc, squash them together in a bowl, what does the colour look like? Use your finger or a brush to paint with your berry paint. You can eat them too!!
- Make playdough elephants, you could make a family of different sized elephants.
- You can follow instructions how to draw Elmer the elephant here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYChOlre-Cw>
- Elephants are really interesting animals, they can live for a long time and grow so big. They live together in herds. Some people aren`t so kind to elephants which is very sad. You can find out more about elephants in our world here.
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/african-elephants/>
- Elmer eventually discovers that is fine to be different, everyone is special in their own ways. This is another lovely story about being the same and being different. It`s called `Same Difference` and is all about two schoolfriends. Who are your friends? What`s the same as you about them? What`s different about them?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpSLtVXFOMc>

Have a great week everyone, hopefully the sun will shine again. Lots of love, Mrs Boyes x

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