Theme: 'Elmer the elephant and his rainbow colours'

Next week: 'Jungle animals-snakes!' This links with our fine and gross motor scheme 'Jungle Journey'

This week I have been

- trying on my school house team colour T shirt and voting for a house captain
- introduced to the role of being a class helper with my Helping Hands!
- sharing my Busy Book learning
- listening to stories about Elmer the elephant
- learning the rainbow colours
- singing and signing 'I can sing a rainbow'
- continuing my phonics learning-learning about rhythm and rhyme
- learning to recognise my name
- on a tour of the school
- learning some simple facts about elephants

In practise time I have been able to

Role play- house inside & book shop outside

- collage Elmer pictures using tissue squares
- develop my scissor control by cutting out an elephant shape
- paint rainbows using cotton buds
- count how many jumps, hops and claps I can do and match the correct numeral
- decorate a cake with the correct number of candles to match my age
 Outdoor play
- explore the pipes and guttering to make balls roll down pathways
- aim bean bags into hoops and count how many went in
- play music and perform
- develop my balance by walking along the stepping stones

At home you can help me to

• learn to identify numbers by writing numbers up to 10 on pieces of paper and then showing me a number and challenging me to do that amount of

- jumps, hops or claps. Can I count accurately and then match the correct number?
- identify words that rhyme by saying rhyming strings together i.e.
 cat/hat/bat/sat/flat etc. Then add a non rhyming word to the string i.e.
 cat/hat/dog/bat/sat. Can I identify the odd one out that does not rhyme?
- practice taking my sweatshirt or T shirt off all by myself
- balance on one leg for a short time and jump and land with two feet together

Next Week I will be

- going on a number walk to spot numbers around the school
- learning about direction for writing-left to right
- making zig zag patterns developing my pencil control
- sharing my Busy Book learning at some point during the week
- looking at nonfiction books about snakes
- continuing my phonics learning-learning about alliteration
- chanting days of the week and the months of the year through simple songs

Information: Thank you for the Busy Book learning sent in so far. The children have really enjoyed sharing them with us and they are very proud of their efforts!

Gentle reminder- please kindly ensure that ALL your child's clothing is named. We already have at least 5 unnamed sweatshirts and cardigans that have been left behind in the classroom. Please pop in and have a look if you think that one may belong to your child. Also, please check that the jumpers and cardigans that you currently have at home are actually your child's, as a couple that are named have gone missing!

Finally, please take a moment to read the English and Maths overviews which are now posted on the school website.

Thank you very much. Have a lovely weekend. Rainbow Class Team