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Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter.  
We hope you will find its contents useful.

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## 2+ Sharing Stories

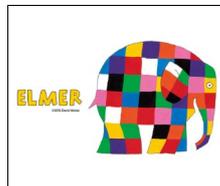
In 2+ they have been using the story of Elmer to promote equality and diversity of similarities and differences in children, families as well as animals and their friends. This seemingly simple story presents nuanced themes around diversity and identity for children and sparks Elmer conversations about how Elmer feels wary about looking different to his friends and stands out because he's not grey like the rest of his herd. Instead, his skin is a patchwork of bright colours. He wants to be like the rest of the elephants. So, one day he sneaks out at the crack of dawn to cover himself with the grey coloured juice of a berry he found outside the jungle. Once covered in the grey berry juice, he isn't Elmer anymore, but just another elephant.



The animals understand his conundrum of wanting to fit in and be like the rest of them, and decide to celebrate his uniqueness by instituting an annual 'Elmer's Day Parade'. To find out what happens why not listen to the Elmer story.

### Listen to Elmer

Here is an opportunity for you to listen to the author of Elmer reading this delightful story. (Suitable for under 5s).



Click on the link below:

[Time for Storytime: David McKee reads Elmer](#)

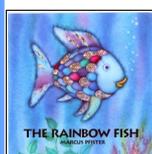


2+ have also been singing Elmer colour songs such as 'There was a patchwork elephant and 'I wanna be a rainbow'.

There was a patchwork elephant  
And Elmer was his name, oh  
Pink, green, yellow, blue  
Black, red, purple too  
White and brown and orange too  
And Elmer was his name, oh!



2+ have also been exploring *The Rainbow Fish* story by Marcus Pfister and using it as a base for talking about



being kind to others and also sharing what we have with our friends.

## A&E Closure



Does your child need urgent healthcare?  
Be sure to go to the right place.



**Temporary closure of children's A&Es at UCLH and the Royal Free Hospital**

**Please note:**

A&E temporary closure at the Royal Free and UCLH. There are still children and young people's emergency departments at:

- Whittington Hospital
- Barnet Hospital
- North Middlesex University Hospital
- St Mary's Hospital
- Royal London Hospital



## P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:



Should you be allowed to do exactly what you want?

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Maryama Sheik Ali  
(Brown Class)



Robyn (2+)



## Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Crimson class	Crimson class	Crimson class
KS2	Pink class	Brown class	Orange class Brown class Red class



Who was the best class last week?



## Word of the week

### DIVERSE

#### Definition:

- \* If a group of things is **diverse**, it is made up of a wide variety of things.
- \* **Diverse** people or things are different from each other.

Use of the word **diverse** in a sentence:

The restaurant had a diverse menu that included foods from all over the world.



## Equality and Diversity

“We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their colour.” Maya Angelou

Years 5 and 6 have been learning about the life of Maya Angelou, a famous American poet, author and civil rights activist. They read about her life and how she used her voice and writing to overcome the struggles and difficulties she faced while growing up.

This wonderful work was inspired by her book **Caged Bird**. Click on the link if you would like to find out more about [Maya Angelou](#)

