



# Elephant News



**Welcome Back!** We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for the exciting year ahead! All children have already settled incredibly well into Elephant class and have impressed me with their fantastic attitude towards learning.

**Homework and Reading** Please can homework books and reading records be handed in on Wednesdays to be checked and returned on a Friday. Reading books sent home will be the text your child is working on in their phonics group. The purpose of this is to develop fluency so your child should be able to read this book.

## Our Drivers:

Finding the talent in everyone by...

Respecting the environment

Being tolerant

Keeping safe

Imagining the possibilities

## PSHE - Friendships

We will:

- Recognise the importance of special people within our lives.
- Learn about making friends
- Develop strategies to solve problems which may arise within friendships.

## What's smashing about Swillington?

As Geographers, we will:

- Use simple compass directions and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map.
- Devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of our school, its grounds and the human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

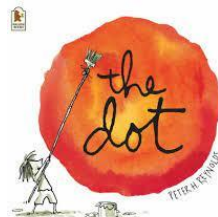
## English

In our English sessions, we will be exploring 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon to support us in writing a narrative based around an exciting adventure!

Children will initially imitate the text before moving onto innovating where they will follow the story model. They will then have chance to apply their learning by inventing their own story.

## Reading

Our reading text is:



We will be focusing on the predict and visualise aspect of the big ten reading skills.

## Maths

We begin the term by focusing on numbers to 100. We will explore:

- Writing and partitioning numbers in different ways
- Tens and ones
- Using place value charts
- Comparing and ordering
- Estimating
- Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s

We will then begin our learning on Addition and Subtraction.

## PE - Multiskills

Elephant PE day is Thursday.

Children will need to come to school with their PE kit on.

**PE kit includes:**

- ☐ Navy shorts or trousers.
  - ☐ Plain white t-shirt
  - ☐ Navy jumper / jacket
  - ☐ Trainers
- Please avoid wearing branded / logos on clothing.