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Elmer the Patchwork Elephant And Chinese New Year

The Characteristics of Effective Learning

How the children learn

- Playing and Exploring - **Engagement**
- Active Learning - **Motivation**
- Creating and Thinking Critically - **Thinking**

Talking and Listening

- Talk about colours and teach your child about shiny/gold/silver
- Talk about sharing/being kind to one another
- Listen to Elmer stories and other stories about Elephants
- Talk about how colours can change when mixed together
- Talk to your child about everybody being unique e.g some people may only have one arm, some wear glasses and different coloured hair etc



Out and about

- Visit a local library and see if you can find other books etc about Elmer and other elephants
- When walking around have a look at the different colours you can see.
- Look on Google to find out information about elephants.
- Visit the zoo or Safari Park (if possible)
- Try some Chinese food.
- Visit China town for Chinese New Year Celebrations.



Songs/Stories/Drawings

- Read stories about Chinese New Year.
- Find pictures of Elephants
- Draw pictures of Elephants