Activity Sheet Week Beginning 20/03/23

	What have we been learning about at school?	What could you do to support at home?
Phonics	 In phonics we have now reached the end of learning the level 3 sounds. This week we have been using our knowledge of all the level 3 digraphs and trigraphs to read and write captions. We have also been practising all of the phase 3 tricky words – he she we me be was my you here they all are. 	 Practise securing your child's knowledge of the level 3 sounds. Practise the tricky words all and are. Encourage your child to write for a purpose – e.g writing out a shopping list to make cakes, writing out a letter which they are then able to go and post etc.
Literacy	 This week we have focussed on the story of Elmer In Drawing Club we learnt some new WOW words – these are patchwork, tumble, gleeful, slink, unique and mingle. We designed a patchwork elephant and created a jungle habitat for him complete with passwords. We then created some of Elmer's friends and gave them a disguise for Elmer day. 	See if you can remember the new WOW words and what they mean.
Maths	 In Maths this week we have been measuring height and length. We have used the vocabulary tall/taller/tallest and short/shorter/shortest to compare height and the vocabulary long/longer/longest and short/shorter/shortest to compare length. We also learnt how to measure in non-standard units and measured how tall the different members of Gerald the Giraffe's family were by using cubes. We have also been comparing the size of animals and learnt that Elephants are the biggest living animal on land. We had fun measuring ourselves on a height chart and comparing our height to some animals. Lots of us are between 100cm and 110cm and this is the same size as a turtle. 	Use playdough to make some snakes. Can you make them different lengths? Use a non-standard unit to measure how long they are. Eg. You could use pasta shapes like the example below. Talk to your child about what they notice about the amount of pasta shapes used for each snake. What do you write? What do you write? What do you write? Key vocabulary shorter shorter lang longer shorter lang longer shorter lang longer shorters long longer shorters long longer shortest to longest? Can you arrange your snokes in order from shortest to longest? Can you arrange your snokes in order from shortest to longest?
Topic Amazing Animals	 This week we have been looking at non-fiction books about animals. We used a globe and a world map to find out about where different animals live. In our artwork we have been using the primary colours to make secondary colours and used the colours we created to paint our own patchwork Elmer's. In outdoor learning this week we made some wormeries by layering sand and soil in transparent jars. We then found lots and lots of worms to add in too. We learnt how worms work hard to keep the healthy soil and back in the classroom we enjoyed cutting up out fruit peelings to make worm food. We will keep the wormeries and observe what happens over time. We've been taking great care of our frogspawn and that has now hatched too. We're enjoying watching the tadpoles grow in the next part of their lifecycle. 	 Have a go at mixing colours at home. Can you remember how to make green, orange and purple? Can you remember the words to our song that we will sing at the Easter Service. Our song is called Tiny Caterpillar. See if you can sing it to your grown ups at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely week.

Mrs Winchester