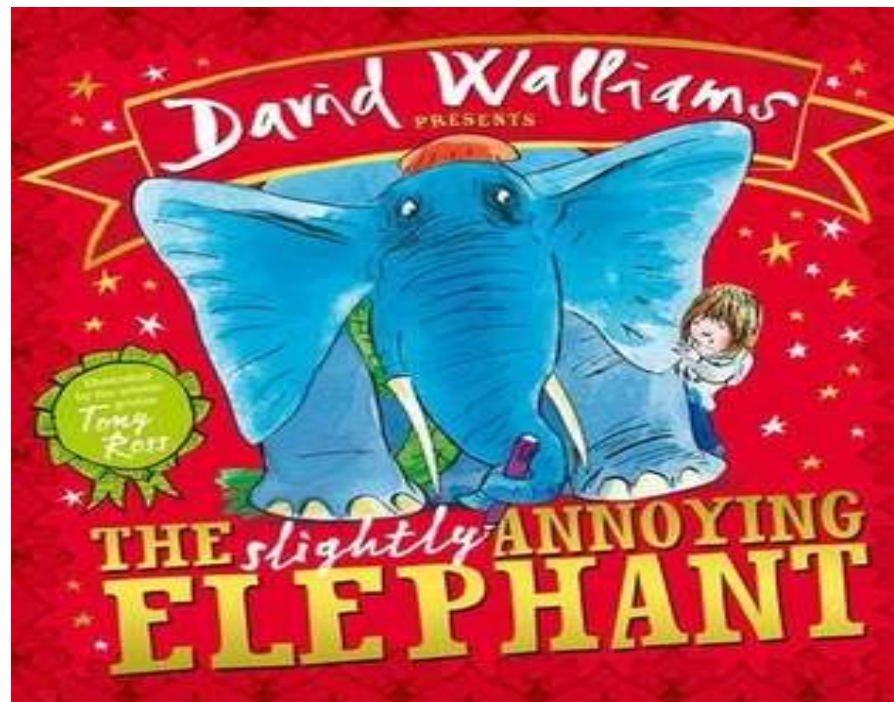# The Slightly Annoying Elephant
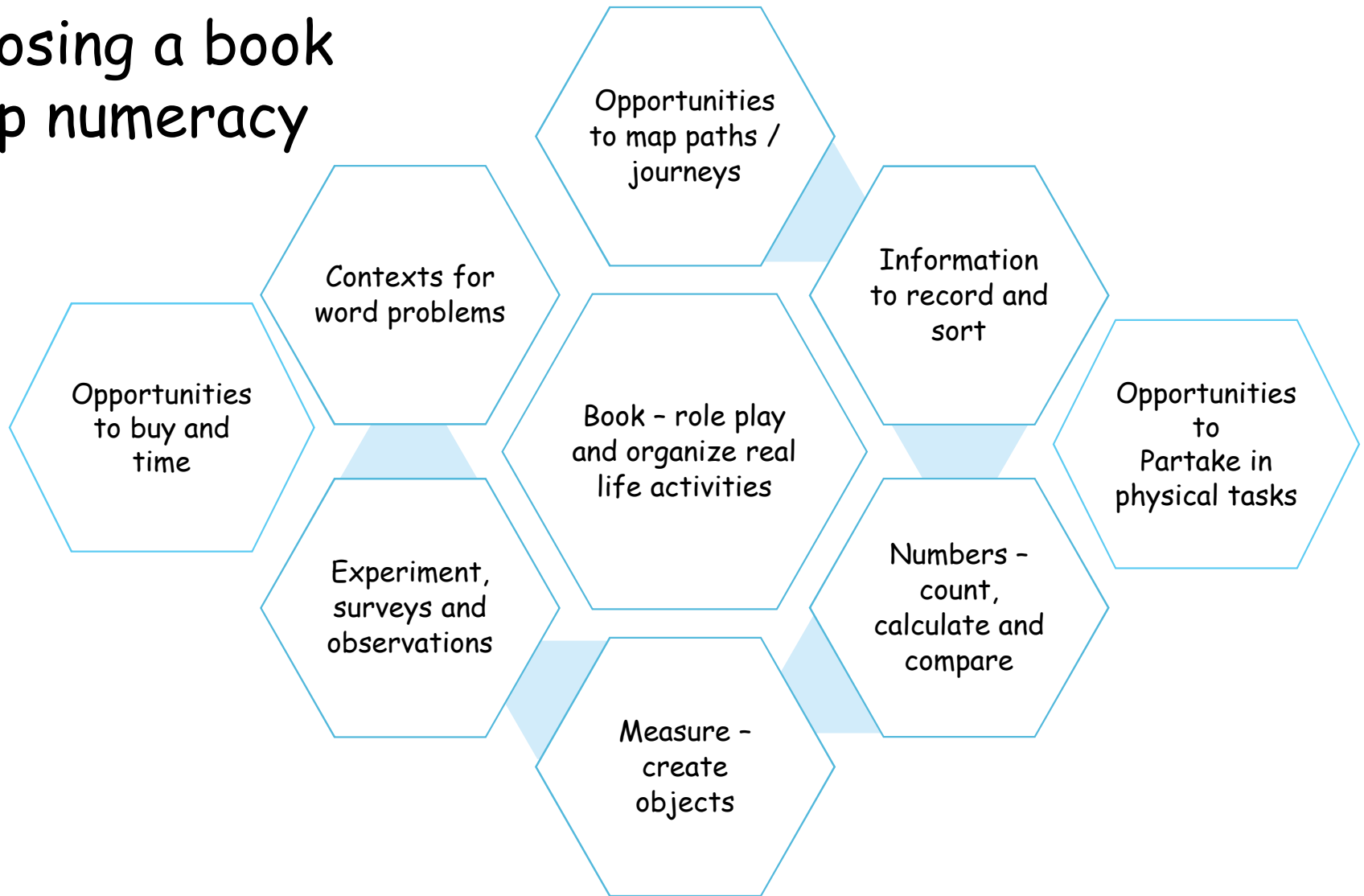
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Rich Tasks and Reasoning Problems to Challenge Children
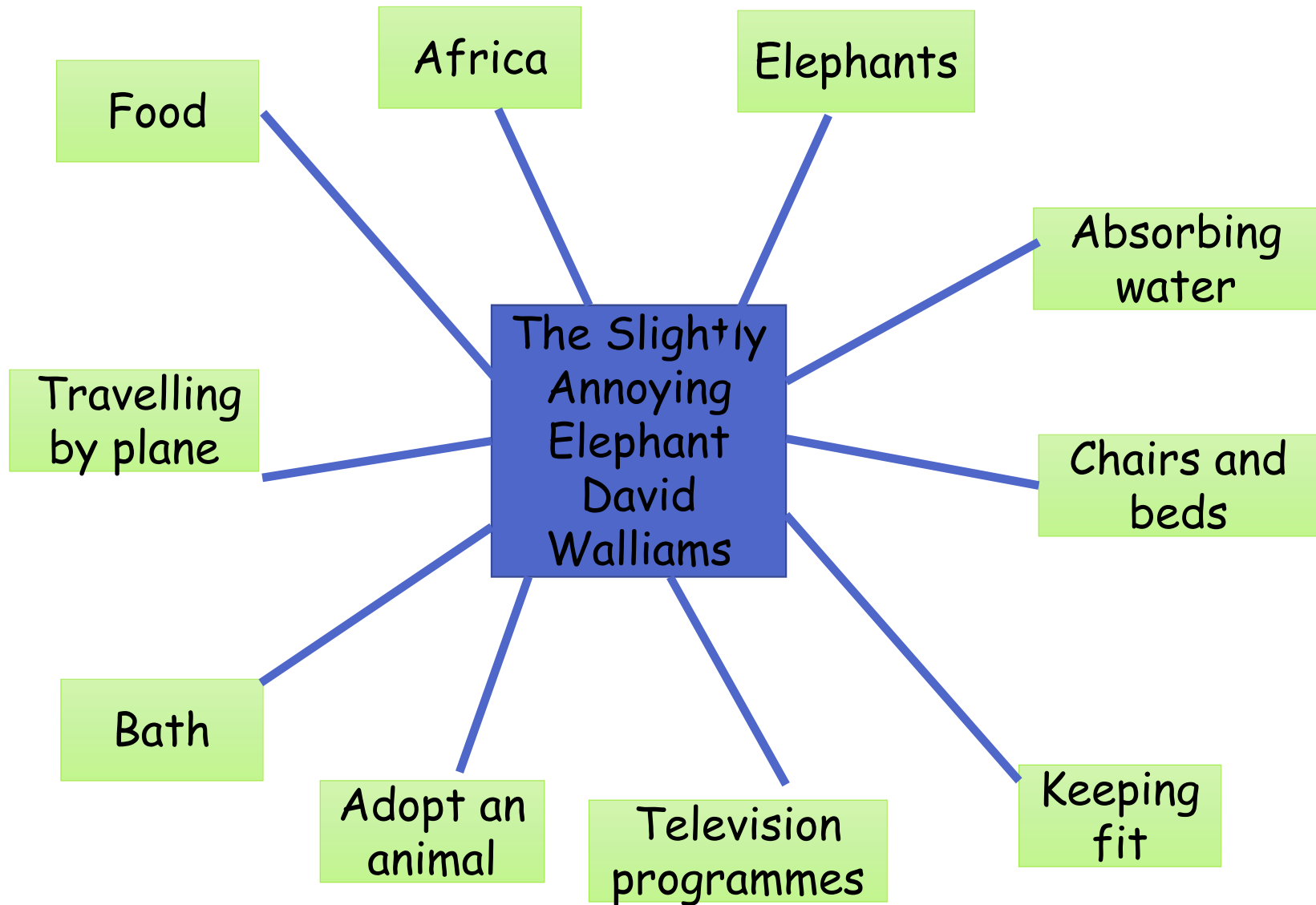
It's Story Time!

Questions to consider when choosing a book to develop numeracy skills

Opportunities to map paths / journeys

Information to record and sort

Contexts for word problems

Opportunities to buy and time

Book – role play and organize real life activities

Opportunities to Partake in physical tasks

Experiment, surveys and observations

Numbers – count, calculate and compare

Measure – create objects

Planning tasks to challenge every child/ group

- What is the task?
- Who will complete the task?
- Is the task challenging – with high expectations?
- Why is the child doing the task?
- Which skills/ outcomes are developed?
- Is the task interesting to the children?
- Does the task build on the child's previous knowledge?
- Does the child have ample opportunities to complete his targets in the task?
- Is the task repetitive?
- What is the evidence?

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- Food
- Africa
- Elephants
- Absorbing water
- Travelling by plane
- Chairs and beds
- Bath
- Adopt an animal
- Television programmes
- Keeping fit

Possible Numeracy Activities in the Areas

Area	Activities	Mathematical skills to develop
Water	Overflowing water – put clay model in a yogurt pot and calculate how much water overflows Water absorption – Kitchen roll and straws	capacity
Investigate	Compare information about elephants Compare African and Welsh weather	Temperature, capacity, subtraction
Table Top	Pin the tail on the elephant – compare distances	Measuring length and compare
Malleable	Design a giant pizza/ bowl of food for the elephant	Measuring mas - doubling
Construction	Build a bed/ sofa for the elephant (other soft toys)	Measuring length

Kenya's Big 5

Animal	Weight	Height to shoulder	Length of head and body	Length of tail
Lion	150-250kg	75 - 125cm	170 - 250cm	90 - 100cm
Leopard	30 - 90kg	40 -80cm	90 - 160cm	60 - 110cm
Buffalo	500-900kg	100 – 170cm	170– 340cm	70 - 110cm
Rhino	800-1400kg	120 – 180cm	280 – 380cm	60cm
Elephant	4500-6000kg	320 - 400cm	500 - 750cm	100 - 150cm

Elephant in the water tub
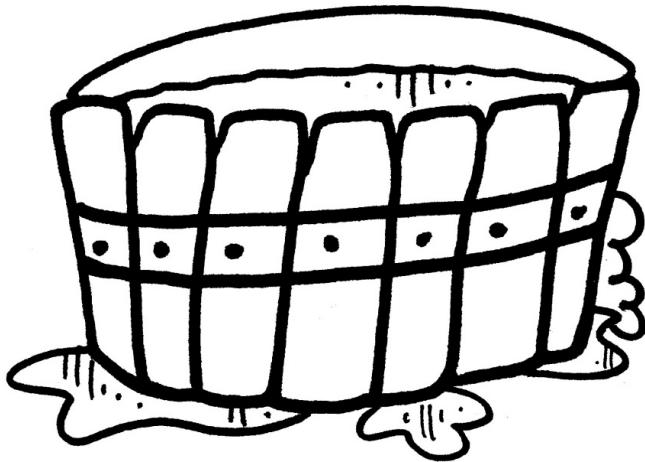
Model an elephant out of clay and put it into a tub filled with water.

Calculate how much water overflows?

Rainfall in Kenya Month	Rainfall in mm
January	73
February	60
March	93
April	211
May	195
June	37
July	19
August	25
September	35
October	52
November	157
December	92

Rainfall in Wales 2012 Month	Rainfall in mm
January	129
February	64
March	31
April	168
May	76
June	219
July	133
August	156
September	131
October	149
November	177
December	264

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A gigantic meal for an elephant-

Ingredients
3 tins of beans
2 loaves of bread
5 bottles of ketchup
10 packets of crisps
2 tins of soup
1 bag of rice

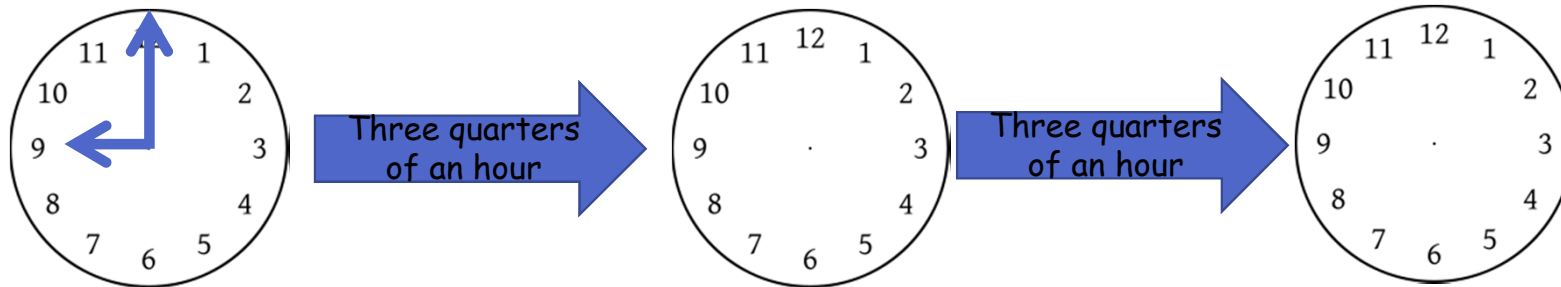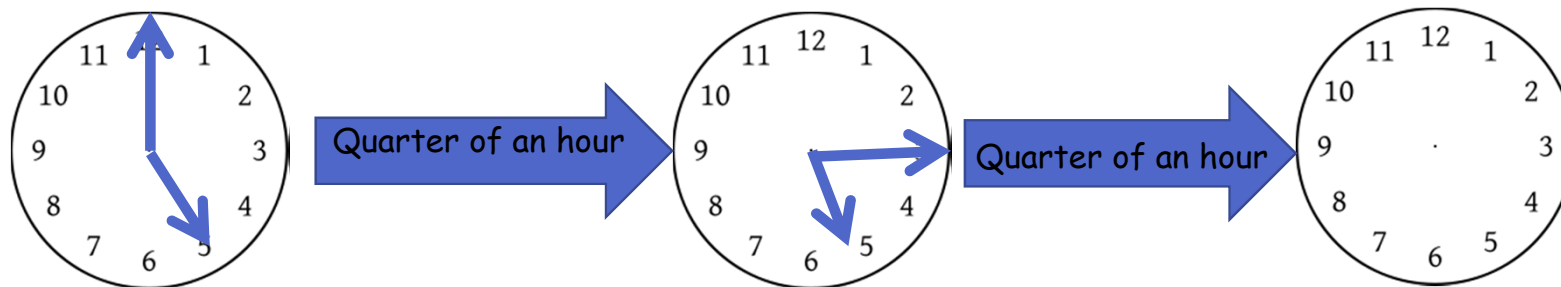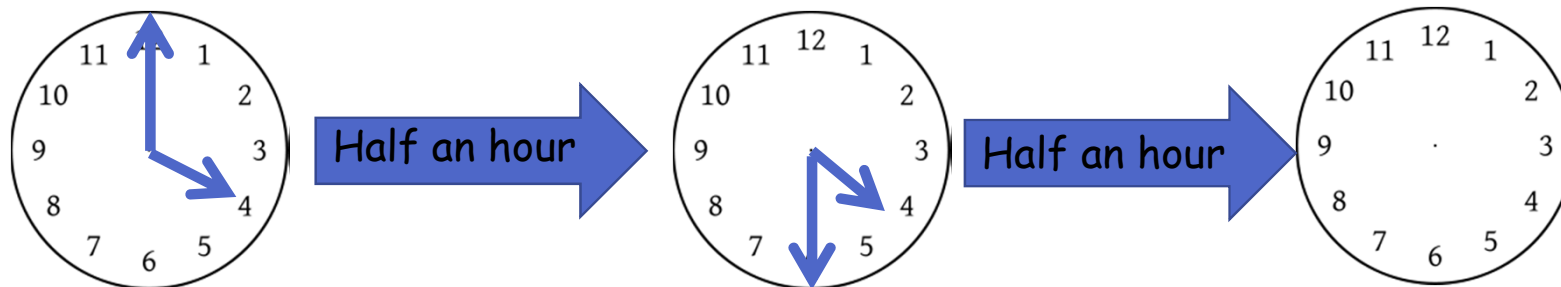| Item	Size of container (correct)	Price (incorrect)
Beans	200g	50c
Bread	500g	60c
Ketchup	100g	20c
Crisps	20g	10c
Soup	400g	40c
Rice	1kg	£1

Hand print on kitchen paper

Drying time

I think my hand print will disappear in 1 minute

Is this correct?

Half an hour

Half an hour

Quarter of an hour

Quarter of an hour

Three quarters of an hour

Three quarters of an hour

Television Programmes

Name of programme	Start time	End time	Length of programme
Cooking with Elly	Quarter past 9	Half past nine	Quarter of an hour
Football – the Jungle Cup	9:30		Two hours
Living in Africa		Mid -day	
Cartoon Elly and Elmer	12:00	12 :15	
Film – Elephant in Space	12:15		1½ hours
Quiz – Going for 10	Quarter to two	2:30	
Sport – Jungle Olympics	2:30	5 o'clock	
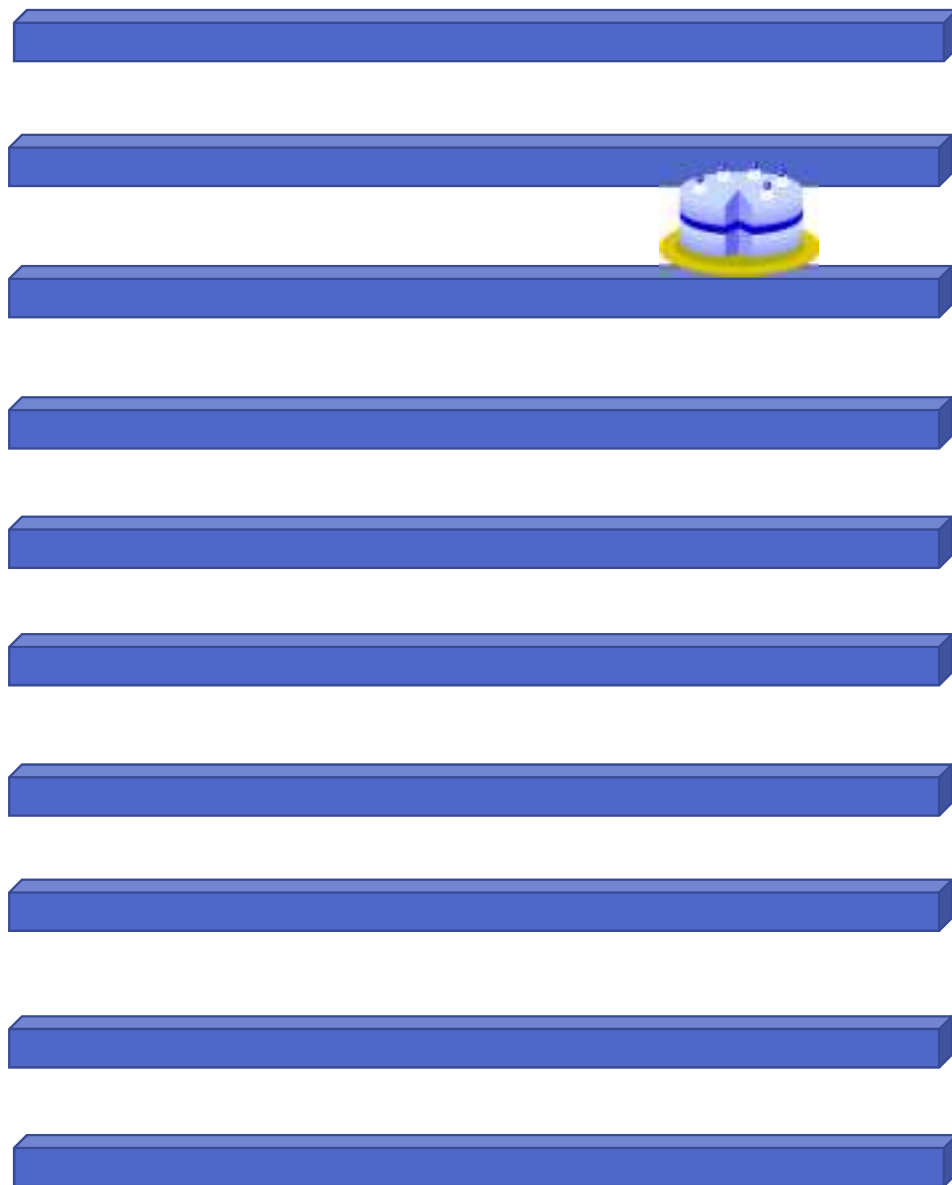
A young elephant can reach up to 4 metres with his trunk. Can he reach the cake?

Distance between the shelves is 50cm

The bottom shelf is on the floor

The cost of buying a bike

£26

£34

£19

£45

£39

Pay with £1, £2coins and £5, £10 or £20 notes

Every elephant needs two seats. Is there enough seats for 10 elephants and 15 adults?

Seats on a plane

Adopting an Animal

Panda - £25 a year

Tiger - £2 a month

Leopard- £1 a week

Gorilla - £15 every 3 months

Elephant - 10p a day

How many elephants can we fit in our classroom?
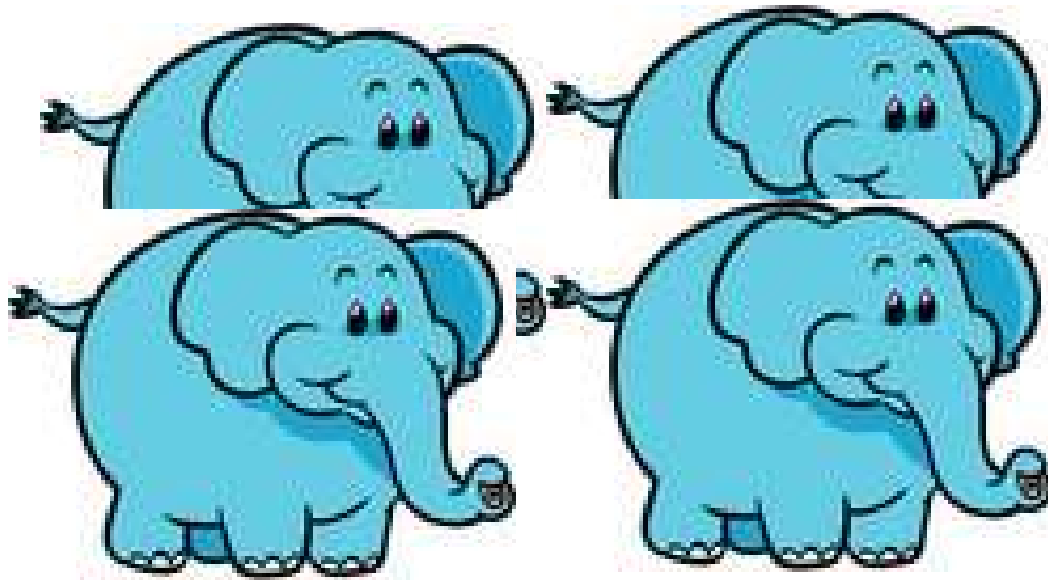
An elephant is about 5 metres long, 2 metres wide and 4 metres tall
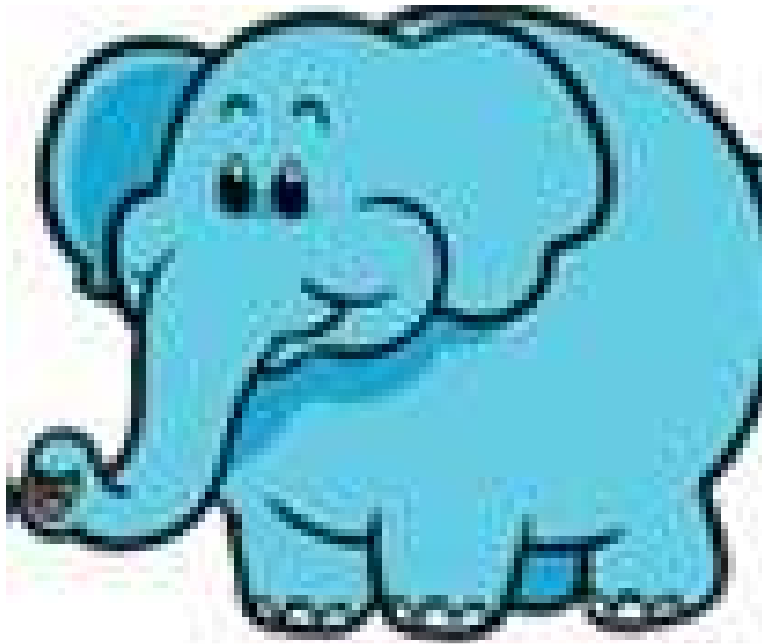
Pin the tail on the elephant

Attempt	Distance from correct position
First	7cm
Second	8cm
Third	4cm

Choose the nearest, middle or furthest attempt

Collect the group's results and record your findings
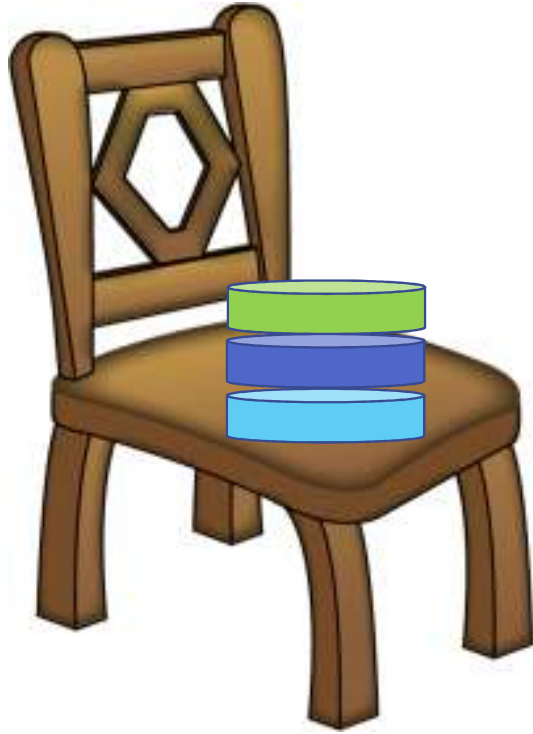
Build a chair from lolipop sticks and pegs

How many grams can you put on the chair before it collapses?

10 gram   10 gram   5 gram

Elephant   Child

- Ears
- Arms
- Trunk
- Mouth
- Teeth
- Tail
- Foot
- Hair
- Thumbs
- Eyes

Visit to the zoo

Zoo worker to visit school – children to prepare questionnaire

Pie Corbett re-create the story / story maps

Search for adjectives the author has used to describe the elephant use QR codes - Poetry

Create an 'Adopt a...... form'

Record / Write a dialogue between Sam and his Mother
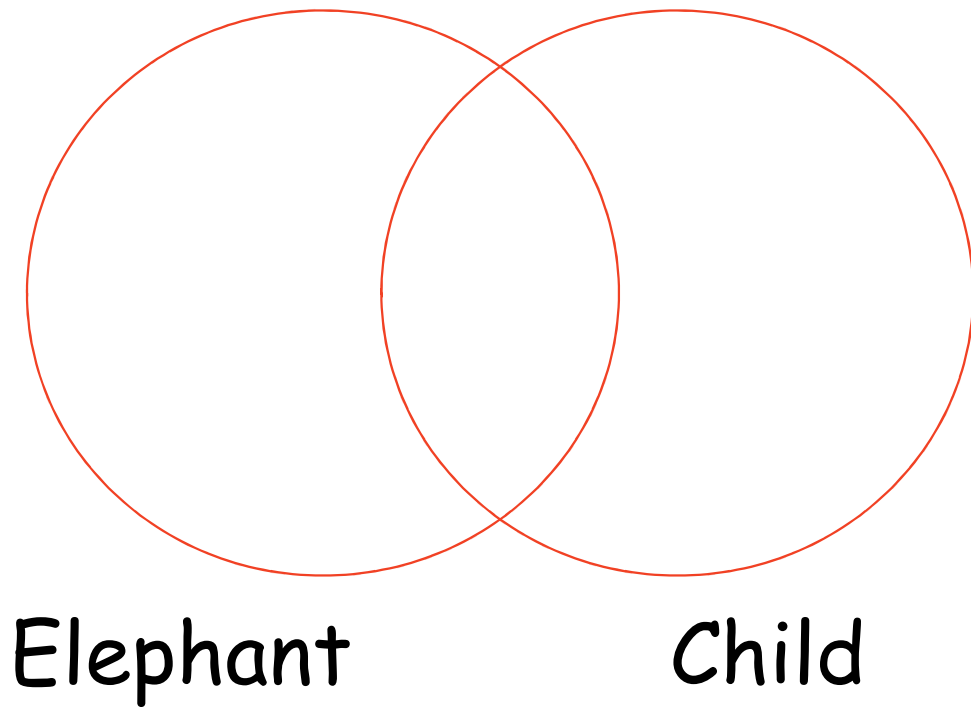
Write instructions – how to look after the elephant in Sam's absence

Write a letter to the zoo to describe what's happened

Create a similar story about a different animal or an anxious/nervous elephant

Create a poster 'Missing Elephant!'

Persuade the Elephant to be healthy
(TV programme – use green screen)

Poetry – Elephant or a different zoo animal

Newspaper report – Elephant wins the Tour de France!

Elephant's favourite food – create a menu/recipe

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Possible Literacy Activities in the Areas

Area	Activities	Literacy skills to develop
Creative	Follow a recipe / Create their own recipes Reading a paragraph and creating the picture / Create their own Bake Off – Presenting a TV Programme Create a new character / setting	Comprehension Adopt a role
Small World	Different scenarios – Tesco delivery, nosy neighbour Recording / writing a script	Adopt a role
Role Play	Zoo Keeper – different tasks every week e.g. build 3 animal homes Elephant has escaped – news report Going on safari – being a tour guide, questioning, safety rules	
Writing Area	Sequencing the pictures/story – add captions. Pictures from the book with blank speech bubbles Poetry – elephant pot with adjectives	Recall/retell
Outdoor	QR Codes – What am I? Locating the animals on the map Create and record Elephant sound effects to enhance the story	

Task

- Highlight a literacy/numeracy skill
- Think of an activity
- Which provision area?
- Differentiate the task