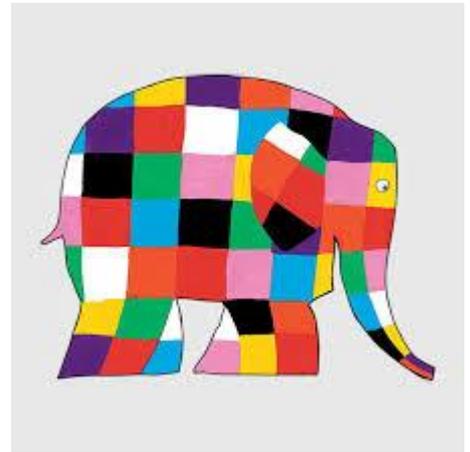


Dear Grade 1s and your Parents

Recommendation #1: There is a special day on 23 May, which we missed this year in the library, due to lockdown. It happens to be **Elmer Day!** I wonder if all the grade 1s in Collegiate have heard of **Elmer, the patchwork elephant.**

“Elmer makes the world a much brighter place. So for this year's Elmer Day we are spreading the positivity of Elmer with free resources that everyone can enjoy at home. Schools, bookshops and libraries may be closed, but we hope you will help Elmer to spread some joy and happiness by sharing these free resources with your followers and contacts.”



Elmer, the patchwork elephant is a wonderful, colourful elephant and the author of the **Elmer** books is **David McKee.**

Elmer is famous in the picture book world. Here is the author, David McKee himself, reading the original story, **Elmer (the Patchwork Elephant)** to you:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtY7KIOX-PE>

I have downloaded the pdf of **Elmer activities**, just in case you want to try one or two of them. There are *many choices*, so please *don't print* and try to do them *all!*

And I found a link to another Elmer story called **Elmer and Snake**, for you to enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFwBfm5TBWo>

Recommendation #2: The first week of June was #ChildProtectionWeek and one of our precious Collegiate girls in grade 5, Elah Duru, who is a voracious reader, supports @savethechildrensouthafrica in their call for unified efforts to protect and support children during the COVID-19 outbreak, by reading a story as part of their **#SavewithStoriesSA** campaign.

You can listen to Elah reading her chosen story here:

<https://www.instagram.com/savethechildrensouthafrica/?hl=en>

Well done, Elah. Collegiate Junior is immensely proud of you. 😊

You can also visit the US Instagram #SavewithStories channel here:

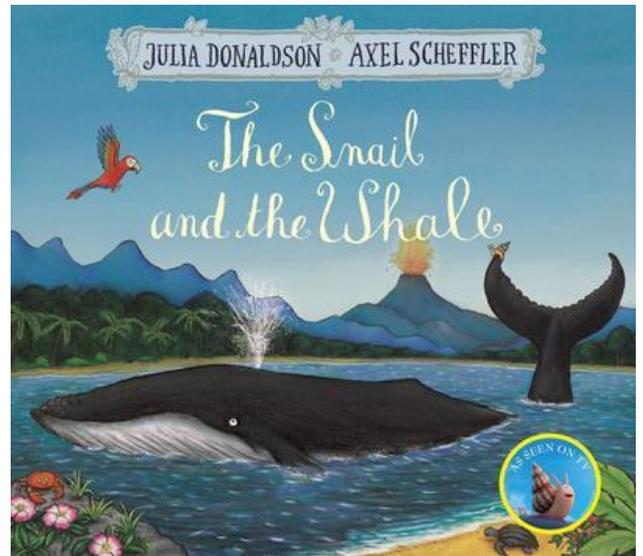
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You may even spot some celebrities reading stories for children, and there is a wealth of great stories to choose from for your listening pleasure.

Recommendation #3: Julia Donaldson is another very famous author, and I am sure that all of you love the Gruffalo books. However, in our library we also have other books by Julia, which are illustrated by Axel Scheffler.

This lovely one is called The Snail and the Whale:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hheoIVGZVvs>

In your library folder there is a pdf with a paper-folding whale and a colouring picture from The Snail and the Whale, to enjoy, if you want to.



Recommendation #4:

I have finally been back to our library and covering some new books, so I have chosen one to read to you. It's called "Superhero Gran," and is written by Timothy Knapman and Illustrated by Joe Berger. The publisher is Nosy Crow. Enjoy this brand-new addition to our library, Grade 1s.

Best wishes for this week of reading. I hope that you enjoy these stories or reading whatever you have on your bookshelf at home during this time. 😊

Warm regards,
Mrs R Bentley

