

## Reception learning 27.04.20

I apologise if it is not clear, but the work on the Emerald class page is for the whole of the class, from reception to year 2.

You were sent home with maths work in your home learning packs but if these are running low here are some additional activities. Please take a look at [www.topmarksmaths.com](http://www.topmarksmaths.com) if you haven't already. The children will be familiar with it from school and there is a wealth of great games to support early maths. In addition to this, have a go at some of these daily challenges:

**Monday: What is 1 more than...** ask mixed up questions. You can use lego, tomatoes, anything you like to help your child to work out these questions.

**Tuesday: What is 1 less than...** similar to yesterday's activity, see if they can work out how many they will have left if you take something away.

**Wednesday: Measuring.** What can you find that is taller or shorter than you? Make a chart and on one side draw or write the things that are taller and on the other the things that are shorter.

**Thursday: Comparing.** Can you find things to compare? Longer and shorter, wider and thinner, bigger and smaller, less and more.

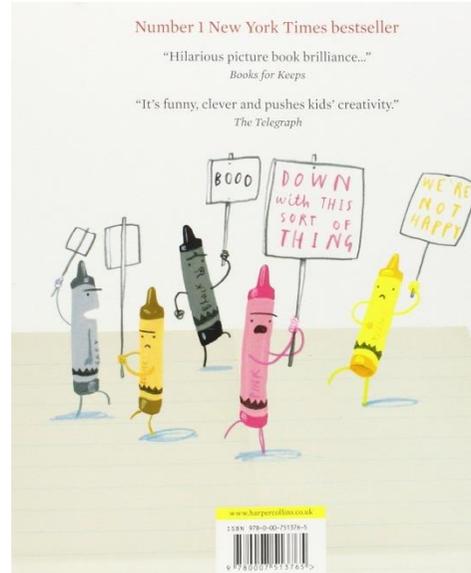
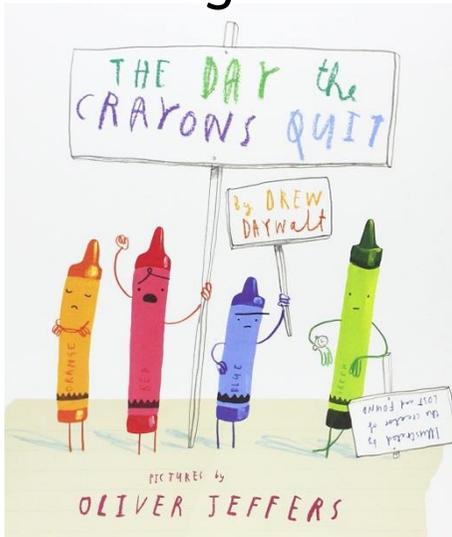
In the English work, reception children should be able to enjoy the story and answer some of the comprehension questions in the first box of each page. As you can probably appreciate, we have a great selection of abilities within the class so I will leave it up to you to discuss each of these with your child – do as much as they can cope with!

Below are some ideas of additional activities reception children could do to accompany the story 'The Day the Crayons Quit'

# Emerald Class English

## Week beginning 27.04.20

### Monday



## The Day the Crayons Quit

You can find the pages for this book on google images or listen to the story on you tube too if you like!

### Back Page:

Who is Duncan?

Why does the author call him 'Poor Duncan' in the first sentence of the blurb?

Why do you think 'Pink just wants to be used'?

Why do you think Yellow and Orange aren't talking to each other?

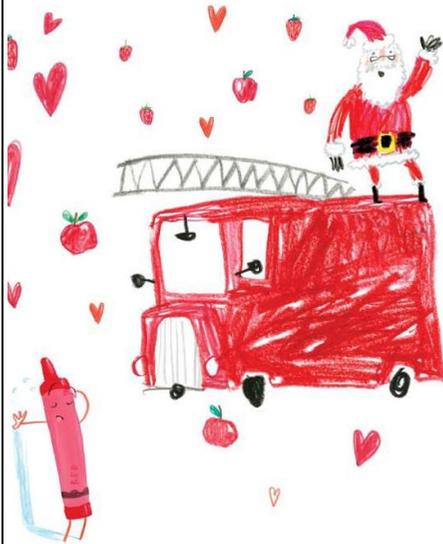
What do you think Duncan will do?

How do you think this will end?

Have you read any other books by Draw Daywalt or Oliver Jeffers?

**Challenge!** draw what you think will happen in the story

Tuesday



Hey DUNCAN,  
It's me, RED Crayon. WE NEED to talk.  
You make me work harder than  
any of your other crayons.  
All year long I wear myself out  
coloring FIRE ENGINES, APPLES,  
strawberries and EVERYTHING  
ELSE that's RED.  
I even work on Holidays!  
I have to color all the SANTAS  
at CHRISTMAS and ALL the  
HEARTS on VALENTINES day!  
I NEED A REST!  
Your overworked friend,  
RED Crayon

### Red Crayon's Letter

Where is Duncan?

How do you know?

How do you think Duncan is feeling when he finds the letters with his name on them? Why?

### Vocabulary- Describing things

Look around your house or garden – what can you see?

Think about how to describe them.

Play a game of colour eye spy:

I spy something that is green and spiky...

Take turns to describe and guess.

Wednesday

Dear Duncan,  
All right, LISTEN.  
I love that I'm your favourite crayon  
for grapes, dragons and wizards' hats,  
but it makes me crazy that so much  
of my gorgeous colour goes outside  
the lines. IF YOU DON'T START  
COLOURING INSIDE the lines  
soon... I'm going to  
COMPLETELY LOSE IT.  
Your very neat friend,  
Purple Crayon



### Purple Crayon's Letter p.5

How do you think Purple Crayon feels about Duncan's colouring in?

### Purple

What things can you think of that are purple?

Draw some and describe them.

e.g. round grapes

pointy wizard hat

# Thursday

Dear Duncan,  
I see yellow crayon already  
talked to you, the BIG WHINER.  
Anyway, could you please tell Mr  
Tattletale that he IS NOT the  
colour of the sun? I would, but  
we're no longer speaking.  
We both know I am clearly the  
colour of the sun because, on  
Thursday, you used me to colour  
the sun on BOTH the "Monkey Island"  
and the "meet the zoo keeper"  
pages in your "DAY AT THE ZOO"  
colouring book. orange you glad  
I'm here? Ha!  
Your pal (and the real colour  
of the sun)  
orange crayon



## Beige Crayon's Letter p.7

Name two things Beige Crayon gets to colour in.

## Beige

Beige crayon feels sad. What makes you feel sad?

Now think of what makes you feel happy. Discuss / draw / describe each of these emotions.

# Friday

Duncan,  
GREY CRAYON here. You're KILLING ME!  
I know you love Elephants. And I  
know that elephants are grey...  
but that's a LOT of space to colour  
in all by myself.  
And don't even get me started on  
your rhinos, hippos and  
HUMPBACK WHALES...  
you know how tired I am after  
handling one of those things?  
such BIG animals...  
baby penguins are grey, you know.  
so are very tiny rocks, pebbles. How about  
one of those once in a while to give  
me a break?  
~~✂~~ Your very tired friend,  
Grey Crayon



## Grey

Grey crayon is often used to colour in elephants, hippos and rhinos.

Draw your own picture of an elephant, hippo or a rhino and think about how they are feeling. Have you drawn a happy hippo, a grumpy rhino or an excited elephant?

### Grey Crayon's Letter p.9

Why do you think Grey Crayon says, 'You're KILLING ME!'?

Can you think of another suggestion for Duncan to use Grey Crayon for?