



Edmund the Elephant

Walk and Talk Trail

Edmund the Elephant has lost some belongings.
Let's take a walk through Stewart Park to help
Edmund find his items!

The Map



Play Park

Captain Cook's Map

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The Bridge

Edmund is excited; he is going on a family camping trip to Lordstones.

“Go and pack your trunk, Edmund,” said his mother.

Edmund ears wiggled with worry. You see, Edmund isn’t like other elephants. He forgets. A lot. How could he pack his trunk all by himself?

“I’ll help!” cried his friend, Colin the Cricket.

Edmund’s mum smiled.

“Here is a list to help too.”

Colin called each item out from the list and Edmund packed:

- A soft and snug sleeping bag
- Sticky marshmallows to toast on a stick
- Lots of snacks for the journey
- A trusty pair of spare underpants
- An old kettle and some teacups
- A camera for the beautiful view
- Walking boots for a long hike
- Lotion for a sunny day

Happy he had not forgotten anything, Edmund went outside to play. But while Edmund and Colin were playing, a gang of masked racoons snuck inside and pinched all of the things from his trunk! Those pesky creatures have hidden the items all around the park!



Scan the QR code to hear author Kate Dagleish read from her book Edmund the Elephant Who Forgot.

Edmund needs your help! Can you help to find his items before it’s time to leave?



Can you spot Colin jumping around the trail? Who knows what else you will discover along the way?

1. The Café Courtyard

Here is a sneaky racoon! You have found the first item. But is it...A soft and snug sleeping bag... or... three chimpanzees playing tag?



Challenge

Racoons have dark circles around their eyes that look just like a mask! Can you spot more circles around the courtyard? How many can you see?

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2. The Spooky Tree Clearing

Ah ha! Another racoon! He has the next item! But is it... Sticky marshmallows to toast on a stick... or... a fluffy, yellow, guitar-playing chick?

"Elephants always remember, elephants don't get it wrong, elephants always remember, as long as they sing this song."

Challenge

Sitting round the campfire and singing songs is something Edmund is looking forward to. What is your favourite song to sing? Can you sing it now? Maybe you could sing Edmund's memory song?

3. The Bridge

Hooray! Here is the next raccoon with Edmund's things. But, does he have... Lots of snacks for the journey... or... A friendly bridge-troll known as Ernie?



Challenge

This bridge looks safe enough to cross. Can you think of any other story book characters that wanted to cross a bridge? Can you trip-trap just like the Billy-Goats-Gruff?

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4. Captain Cook's Ambition

Fantastic! Another raccoon with Edmund's belongings. But poor Edmund; He can't remember if it is... A trusty pair of spare underpants... or... a picnic-carrying troupe of ants?

Challenge

This looks like a lovely place to stop for a picnic, or to do some exploring! Captain Cook was a very famous explorer who loved to visit new lands. Can you find out what his ambition was? Hint: It is engraved in a circle.

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5. The Totem Poles

Terrific! Another raccoon!
But which item is he
hiding? Is it...
An old kettle and some
teacups... or... a blue
baboon playing keep-ups?



Challenge

Totem poles were built by Native American Tribes living along the North West coast of America. Captain Cook will have seen these when he arrived on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Can you spot anything that looks like a blue baboon on the totem poles? Use the space below to design your own totem pole.



6. Easter Island Moai Statue

Well done! You have found
the next item! This time, The
Easter Island Moai Tutira
statue helps you! It is...A
camera for the beautiful
view... Say cheese, and
perhaps you can go too!



Competition!

Take a photo with the statue and post it on the Middlesbrough Reads Facebook page to be entered into a prize draw to win a copy of Edmund the Elephant Who Forgot! Don't forget to tag us using #ConnectingStories.

7. Captain Cook Bike Sculpture

Those raccoons are certainly getting sneakier... but you have caught another one out! What are they hiding this time? Walking boots for a long hike... or... Captain Cook riding a bike?

Challenge

Look up! In honour of the Tour de Yorkshire passing through our town, this amazing sculpture featuring bike parts was created. Do you think Captain Cook would have liked to ride a bike if they'd been invented? What transport did he use to explore the world and visit new lands?

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8. Captain Cook's Map

You've found the final racoon! But which item did she take? Was it...? Lotion for a sunny day... or... Captain Cook's map to show the way?

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Thank you for helping to collect Edmund's belongings (and some friends along the way!). Edmund thinks this is going to be the best camping trip ever!

This trail has been written by author Kate Dalglish, illustrated by Isobel Lundie, and kindly supported by Salaryia. Kate and Isobel have kindly shared a sneak peek of their book Edmund The Elephant Who Forgot. You can get this book at your local library, bookshop or online. Can you join Edmund in singing his song to celebrate completing the trail.



Elephants always remember, Elephants don't get it wrong



Elephants always remember, As long as they sing this song!



'A gift wrapped neatly with a bow!' yelled Colin the cricket.

Edmund happily skipped along. Suddenly...

Top Tips for Families

Chat with your child about what you see on the trail. **Ask open-ended questions to avoid “yes” or “no” answers and stimulate conversation.** Introduce new words into the conversation. **When you use a new word, explain what it means.** If your child is interested, encourage them to do some research about the word when they get home. **Talk about the day on your way home.** Ask your child which part of the trail they enjoyed the most and what their favourite new word is.

Don't forget to share your photos of the trail on social media! You can tag us on Facebook @BoroReads and @NationalLiteracyTrust or on Twitter @Literacy_Trust. Make sure to use the hashtags #ConnectingStories and #BoroReads



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