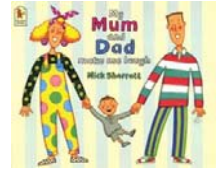


***My Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh* by Nick Sharratt**



Prediction:

Before the end of the story ask:

Do you think that the little boy will like spots or stripes by the end of the story?

Do you think we will be told the little boy's name?

Read and respond questions:

What do you notice about mum and dad's clothes?

Who likes spots and who likes stripes?

What kind of sweets does dad like to eat?

What animals did the family see at the Safari park?

Which animal did the little boy like the best and why?

Why did the family have to stay in the car at the Safari park?

Word usage:

Discuss the meaning of each of these words:

spotted striped train spotting weekdays splendid

Find words which rhyme with:

spot stripe day tie dad

How many words can you think of to describe the patterns in the book?

Spotting picture clues:

Turn to the page where the family are getting dressed to go to the Safari park.

Who is wearing striped clothing?

What do you notice about the black and white framed picture?

Are the colours bright or dull?

Which picture is made from dots and which one is made from stripes?

Can you spot an elephant – where is it?

Follow up activities:

- Look at examples of Optical art by Bridget Riley and create your own painting in black and white.
- Look for examples of artists who have used coloured dots in their work and try this style for yourself using your fingers or the ends of brushes etc.
- Design an outfit for each of the characters in the book.
- Make a list of things in the story with stripes and a list of things with dots - which list is the longest?
- Look for books or pictures about elephants and make an elephant display.