

## Nursery Home Learning

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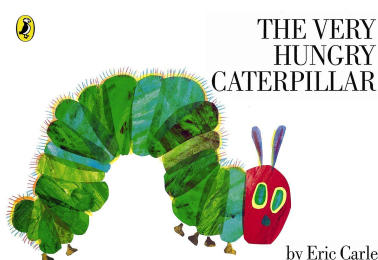
Hello Nursery,

Hope you are all well, this week we are looking at the growth of the caterpillar to the butterfly. We are looking at one of my all time favourite stories, but there are lots more stories about caterpillars and butterflies so please use them to read as well.

As this is the last week before half term there will be no home learning for the week commencing the 25th May, after the half term we will be starting our new topic of 'Dinosaurs'! It's going to be roar-some! And as it would be the last half term in Nursery for our 19-20 cohort we will start a 'school ready' section which will help you to sharpen up on the skills you'll need for going in Reception.

This week we will be looking at the stories of;

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle



#### **Literacy Activities;**

- Read and reread the story - there are lots of version of this story online but I think this one is a really great one;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

There is also a version which is read by the author Eric Carle;

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

- 'What happens in the story' - can you sequence the main events in the story; there are sequencing pictures on Twinkl or you could draw the pictures yourself e.g. egg - tiny caterpillar - big fat caterpillar - cocoon - butterfly. You could also match the days of the week to the events in the story too, Sunday - an egg...

- Retelling the story - there are lots of props on Twinkl which could support these stories e.g. masks and puppets but you could have a go at making your own maybe using card or paper and felt pens.

-Fine Motor; hole punch leaves to thread around or together; this could form some 'outdoor bunting' to decorate your gardens or around your windows



## Maths Activities;

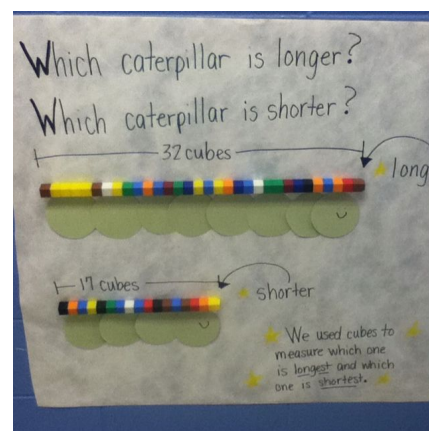
-Counting the fruit from the story - practise counting out from a larger group, match numeral to quantity e.g. 5 oranges, 3 plums

-You could carry on with measuring this week but do it with fruit instead; You could order some fruit by size; which is the biggest/smallest? You could also compare the weight of the fruit; which is the heaviest/lightest, you could use kitchen scales for this or even make your own set of 'balance scales' using a coat hanger, buckets and some string



-You could continue the Green Grocer activity again this week - you could use salt dough to make your own fruit and vegetables which you could then paint (there are recipes on Twinkl for making salt dough, or you can Google one)

-You could draw or make and then measure a caterpillar (you could use the pictures in the book or draw/make your own); you could use a ruler or even use some things you have at home like beads or duplo bricks as long as they are regular in size



-Match the food the caterpillar eats to the days of the week, don't forget you can practise the 'Days of the Week' song which we sing in Nursery to help with this

## Other Activities;

-If you've got some spare fruit there are some great activities you could do;

-use a range of media to draw or paint a picture of your favourite fruit, or even a fruit bowl

-have a fruit sensory tray; use juicers, spoons, knives, peelers and water to explore fruits

-you can make 'edible paints' using fruit, could you give this a go?

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/edible-paint-babies-fruit/> The 'paint' may not leave great marks but you could experiment with which fruits or vegetables are best

-explore decay with fruit; what happens to fruit if it is left out? Where is the best place to keep fruit fresh - somewhere cold or hot? Inside or outside? You could set up an experiment and keep an eye on it over a few days

-Explore the caterpillar to butterfly lifecycle, there are lots of bits on Twinkl which could support this and also some wonderful clips on YouTube showing butterflies emerging from a cocoon <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3VMI-EY2DM>

-Caterpillar activities;

-make a caterpillar using beads, this could be another chance to practise patterns

-make fingerprint caterpillars; you could turn this into a game by rolling a dice (or two) and putting that many fingerprints onto the caterpillars body

-feed the hungry caterpillar; you could make a small or large outdoor version of this game



-Butterfly activities;

-butterflies wings patterns are symmetrical; this means they are the same on both wings; can you use paint to make a 'folded' butterfly pictures

-can you make playdough butterflies and decorate each wing the same using beads or ribbons

-Eric Carle Art; Eric Carle illustrates his books as well as writing them. I think his artwork is absolutely amazing and he follows a process to make his pictures using collage and painting. Could you try this too to make your own caterpillar or butterfly? <https://eric-carle.com/resources/how-i-paint-tissues/> and <https://eric-carle.com/resources/downloads-and-activities/>

### **Daily Keeping Fit Fun**

**9am** - PE with Joe Wicks (a fun workout to get you going in the morning - has anyone done this everyday??)

[https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search\\_query=the+body+coach+](https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=the+body+coach+) and

on the 'Spread the Happiness' channel with Shonette Bason-Wood both

**9.30 am** - Go to the Dough Disco (developing finger strength and dexterity) and

**1.00pm** - Play based Story Challenge

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=spread+the+happiness+tv](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=spread+the+happiness+tv)

There are also some other great places to subscribe for fitness and fun on YouTube; Go Noodle -gets you moving and dancing

[https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search\\_query=gonoodle](https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEB&search_query=gonoodle)

Cosmic Kids Yoga - storytime and yoga together

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

There are lots of resources you can access through 'Twinkl', which has free parent access at the moment, activities which can supported through Twinkl will be marked with a T\*.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-parents>

### **Daily Activities;**

**Daily Calendar;** you could sing a day of the week and month of the year song; lots of these on YouTube (we do the days to the 'Addams Family' tune but you could learn a new one and send us a video on Tapestry, we also generally start out song with Monday as it's the first day of our Nursery week), discuss and write the date, discuss the weather T\*

**Stories and Songs;** these two are so important to do daily. By doing these daily children will hear more words, hear more rhymes and also develop skills which support the whole of the curriculum.

**Stories;** Children should hear, where possible, 5 stories a day! It may be the same story a few times, or different ones. Once your children have heard a story verbally from you, you may want to look for an animated one online, this can sometimes be quite Americanised so take the time to find something appropriate.

**Songs;** We make up songs in the Nursery all the time which support our routines, I'm sure you've heard our recent 'Hand Washing' song. But, you could also make your own up which support your routines at home; maybe a getting up/dressed song, bedtime song or even a setting the table song. We'd love to hear them, so upload to Tapestry, we're also very happy to help you with these...just ask! As well as this you can also sing along with your favourite songs and Nursery rhymes...singing really does make you feel better and puts a smile on your face! There are some lovely 'Barefoot Book' songs online;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25\\_u1GzruQM&list=PLomaGUp7cdUkPJgFg9PLoCAqzSDsWo2UR](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25_u1GzruQM&list=PLomaGUp7cdUkPJgFg9PLoCAqzSDsWo2UR)

This is the link to Songs on the BBC School Radio site;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

**Counting;** this could be something to do with your daily routine e.g. putting the spoons/knives out for breakfast, counting and sorting socks, fruit in your fruit bowl...

This is a link to a counting song we use on YouTube daily;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85M1yxIcHpw>

### **Tapestry**

We are regularly checking in with Tapestry so please keep us updated with all the activities you are doing. You can also use Tapestry to send us any questions you may have about your Home Learning.

Take care all,

The Nursery Team