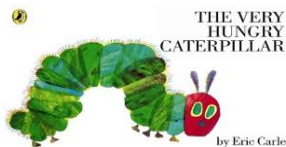


Overview of Optional Activities Week beginning 22.2.21 The Very Hungry Caterpillar

This week to support learning you could...

Literacy

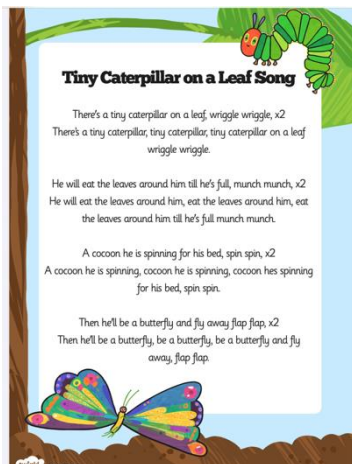
Read The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle



Watch the story on <https://video.link/w/qn9Tb>

What is your favourite food? Do you like some of the food that the Hungry Caterpillar eats in the story? What would be your favourite?

Can you sing this song with actions watch the link below



<https://video.link/w/UuuTb>

Maths

This week we are learning all about length and height.
When talking about length, use the language of longer and shorter/longest and shortest/long and short.
When talking about height use the language of taller and shorter/tallest and shortest/tall and short.

Length and Height

Construction
Build a tower or a road. Challenge the children to build a tower the same height as yours, a shorter tower, a taller tower. A longer road, a shorter road.
How tall is the tallest tower they can build?

Workshop

Provide a variety of ribbon, lace, string. Ask the children to cut pieces and make direct comparisons with a given length (E.g. a piece of ribbon taped to the table). Can they sort the lengths into the same as, longer than and shorter than the given length? They could also line the lengths up in order.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR I SPY



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You can play the game after reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* (affiliate link) - talk about what the caterpillar ate, and when, and how many of each item.

Our favorite way to use the game was as we read. So we read that the caterpillar ate 1 apple, then we find the apple. Next we read that he ate 2 pears, and we find the 2 pears. And we did that for the whole book. I've found that this works very well for beginning readers, as it's a great way to add a slight bit of movement and critical thinking (thinking about what they just read) to the book.

Creative

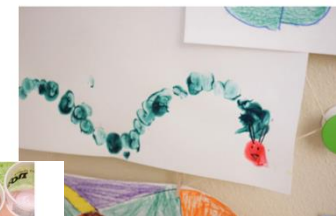
Hungry Caterpillar kebabs



Potato masher caterpillar



Finger print caterpillar (arts & creative expression)



Potatoes print caterpillar and butterfly (arts & creative expression)



Scooping pom-poms/rice Into tubs

Physical

Gymnastics and ways we can move our bodies.

How many different ways can you think of to jump?

What is important to remember when jumping?

How many different ways can you move your body into the air?

How high can you jump?

How far can you jump?

Join in with comic kid's yoga The Very Hungry Caterpillar

<https://video.link/w/4x9Tb>

Understanding the World

Can you go on a bug hunt in your garden or at the park? How many bugs can you find?

Can you make a bug hotel in your garden or an outdoor area?

Watch Chris Packham's bug guide - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/bp-big-bugs>



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Can you make a gratitude jar/box – decorate a jar or box and put your favourite things in the jar or box. Maybe an adult or sibling could write on little post it notes about what you love / makes you happy to put inside.



There are many benefits to teaching gratitude to our children, and this simple Gratitude Jar craft is a great way to start.