

Understanding of the World

Explore different mini beasts and compare them
Grow strawberry plants
Learn about the life cycle of a butterfly
Learn about healthy foods and take part in some taste testing.

R.E.

The Creation story

I.C.T

Use computer to search for information on Mini-beasts

Cross Curricular Numeracy Links and Problem solving

Order Caterpillar Lengths
Order and match numeral to set using laminated caterpillar numbers
Collect a selection of the fruit from the story (either real or plastic) and use for a variety of counting activities.
Create a simple pictogram showing the children's favourite fruit.
Look at colour patterns and create some colourful caterpillars using paper circle
Make butterfly wings using different shapes to make the patterns (shape and colour recognition).

Cross Curricular Literacy

Read stories and poems from The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Encourage children to talk about the pics from the story.
Children sequence story
Explore the character of the caterpillar, what did he look like.
Encourage Mark making in the fruit and veg shop.
Encourage children to record what they have learnt about the butterfly life cycle

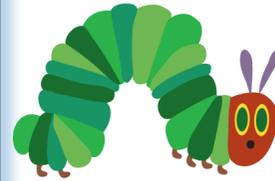
Art/D.T.

Explore colour mixing and different textures in making butterflies and cocoons.
Encourage the children to make some temporary caterpillar and butterfly models using natural materials
Make observational drawing of caterpillars and butterflies.

Personal, Social, Emotional

Work together as a team to Role play in the Fruit and veg shop
Take turns to play caterpillar boards games
Take care of the animals and make sure that we do not hurt them.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar



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Communication and Language

Use The Very Hungry Caterpillar Story Sack with the children to develop language skills
Play a listening and attention game with the children.
Use some Caterpillar and Butterfly Photos to discuss changes and encourage children to talk about each one and to describe them to a friend.
Provide these Story Sequencing Pictures and encourage the children to retell the story.

P.E. and Physical development.

Use the dough to build up finger muscles.
Use tweezers to sort fruit
Cut fruit to make fruit smoothies and fruit kebabs
Use scissors to cut circles to make a caterpillar.
Thread beads to make caterpillars

Music

Songs about caterpillars and butterflies
Using musical instruments—trying to use different instruments for each part of the lifecycle.

Topic hooks, visits and visitors

Caterpillars in school
Mini-beast session in school.

Supporting Texts

The very hungry caterpillar
Non-fiction books linked to butterflies and mini-beasts
Healthy Eating books

How can I support my child's learning. Resources and ideas for home.

Reading as many familiar stories as possible.
Going on walks to if you can see any mini-beast
Take part in our family workshop on mini-beasts May 2018
Buy child's scissors and encourage your child to use them to cut and make snips.