

# Learning in Reception this week – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – The Very Hungry Caterpillar



## Drawing Club Vocabulary

Each week the children learn new words relating to our theme of the week. They learn an action to help them remember each word. Ask your child about the words we have been learning this week.

- Metamorphosis
- Life-cycle
- Minibeast
- Chrysalis
- Emerge
- Symmetrical
- Hatching
- Fragile



## Phonics

This term we will continue to review the sounds and hard to read and spell words we have learnt so far in Reception.

This week we have practised reading and writing  
**CCVC words**  
(consonant, consonant, consonant, vowel, consonant)  
e.g. splat, scrub



## Amazing Artists

This week we have continued to learn about **Henri Matisse**. We looked closely at his 'The Snail' art piece and recreated our own versions of the famous collage. We cut different coloured pieces of paper into shapes and then arranged them in our sketch books to create the snail spiral.



## Maths

This week we continued to learn the next **teen number – 16**

We learnt that number 16 is another **square number** like 1, 4 and 9, this means it is as tall as it is wide. We practised making 16 in different ways: 8 + 8, 10 + 6, 4 + 4 + 4 + 4, and used 16 cubes to make a square.

This week we have also been learning about **sharing** using the 1 for me, 1 for you method. We have learnt that '**When we share, we make it fair**'. We shared amounts equally between 2, 3 and 4 groups. When we had items left over, we problem solved to make it fair e.g. by getting more or by putting some back, to make the groups equal again

You can watch the Numberblocks episodes here:

[Numberblocks - Episode 16](#) [Numberblocks - Square Club](#)



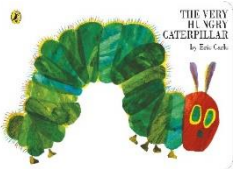
## Discovery Detectives (History, Geography, Science)

This week we have learnt about the **metamorphosis of a butterfly** – this is when they change from an egg, to a caterpillar, to a chrysalis (cocoon), to a butterfly.

We also looked at the **life-cycle of humans** and loved guessing the baby photos belonging to our friends!

We looked at **healthy and unhealthy eating**, linked to the food the hungry caterpillar ate, and discussed what we can do to make healthy choices and look after our bodies. We enjoyed making our fruit kebabs and some of us tried fruit we hadn't had before.

## Watch the story of the week here



## The Very Hungry Caterpillar



## Welly Wednesday

This week the children discussed the importance of looking after **creatures' habitats**. They collected **natural resources** to create their own **bug houses** in groups. They thought carefully about their designs to ensure they were **sheltered and dark** and chose a safe location to build their minibeast homes. The children also watched a video showing the **life cycle of a caterpillar**, with the caterpillar hatching out of the egg, building a cocoon and emerging as a butterfly.

## RE

This week we learnt about **Baptism**. We discussed that Christians are welcomed to God's family as babies through **Baptism**. We watched a video showing a baptism/ christening and discussed if we have been baptised/ christened.



## Continue your learning at home

Explore your garden or a nearby outdoor space, look carefully for **minibeasts**. Maybe you could create a **bug hotel** for them to live in.