

Book of the week: **THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR**

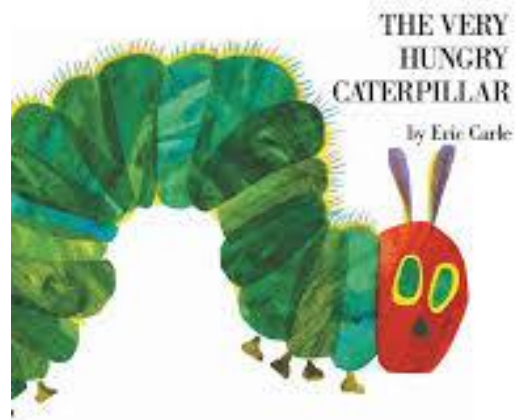
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Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btFctMhF3iI>

This week's story is all about a very hungry caterpillar and what happened as he ate and grew.

After you have listened to or read the book, if you have it, try some of the following to help with maths and literacy:



- Literacy - Create an alphabet caterpillar, using green circles of paper for each letter. This activity could be used to practise letter formation, and recognising the order of the sounds
- Maths - Colour grouping, to create a red and green caterpillar and go on a hunt around the house for things that are red and green, then place these items in the correct colour group
- Maths – make a number caterpillar. Write the numbers 1-10 on circles and challenge yourself to put them in the correct order. Next steps for you to use you completed caterpillar as a model to write your own number caterpillar
- Create a name caterpillar – using “What does ***** begin with” song for help

Through the week you could also try some of the following ideas:

1. Let's Make

- Make your own caterpillar – There are loads of different ideas for this such as using egg boxes, paper chains, toilet rolls or decorating paper plates
- Make an edible caterpillar - make buns with green icing for the body and red icing for the head, or use fruit and veg e.g. make some round sandwiches for the body and a tomato for the head or use a mix of green and red grapes.
- Make a caterpillar face mask

2. Let's get messy

- Collect and play with a mixture of sensory things that the caterpillar might eat - could use grass, straw, pasta for grass and leaves, fruits and veg - either real or play food.
- Paint your own caterpillar- can use other materials too, eg goggly eyes, pom poms., tissue paper, card.
- Finger painting the body of the caterpillar, can be used with maths and then can count the number of spots to make up the body and try writing the number.

3. Let's get moving

- Try some caterpillar yoga using the link: <https://youtu.be/xhWDiQRrC1Y>
- get everyone involved in some caterpillar games (not ideal for social distancing): <https://youtu.be/N1aKHMBFyYY>

4. Let's take turns

- Saying the day and the food- if one person says the day the other person can say/point at the food and how many of each he eats.
- Offer choices of what day does he eat a certain food, or point at a food and ask what it is?
- During sensory play ask what food the child likes, tell them what you like and then ask what the caterpillar might like.
- If you do the finger painting, use your fingers as well, to ask which is bigger/smaller?

Here are some other links to songs or other resources that can also link into the story that you might want to look at:

The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Animated Film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

The Very Hungry Caterpillar – song version <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zB7-v5kuPIA>