



Nursery Home learning page



Well Curious caterpillars I cannot believe that we are in March already. I am looking forward to warmer weather and seeing the flowers starting to grow this month. I am missing seeing all of you, but I am enjoying seeing all the work that you are sharing with me on the learning books, keep up the hard work.

Week beginning: 1st March 2021

Early Years Daily Routine and Activities

Here is a more structured routine while your child is at home. Bear in mind that this is just suggested - the key to success is being flexible and finding a routine that works for you. REMEMBER, play is still the most valuable thing you can do with your child and your child will constantly be learning through play.

Maths



This week in nursery, we are looking at drawing objects to match the number. On a piece of paper, can you have a go at drawing?

- 1 flower
- 2 squares
- 3 circles
- 4 triangles
- 5 sticks

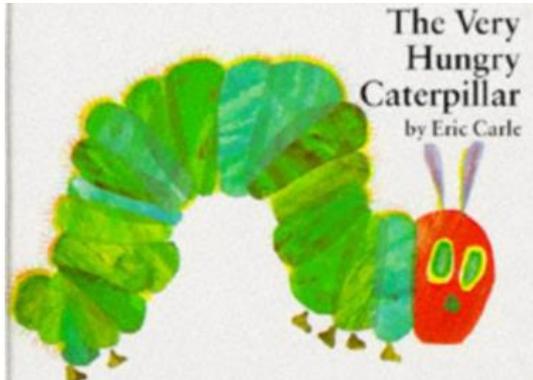
Don't worry what they look like but you must make sure that you are counting them as you draw. This can be really tricky to begin with so don't worry if you go a little bit wrong! Keep practicing.

We also need to keep practicing our number recognition to 10. Ask an adult to write the numbers 0 - 10 on pieces of paper (you may have some already made) then can your adult hide them around the house, or outside if the weather is good. Can you go on a number hunt to find them. When you have collected them all can you have a go at putting them into the correct order starting with 0?

Remember to practice counting on a daily basis - you may want to count the stairs in your house or count how many cars you see when you go for a walk. See if you can help your adult when they are setting the table for tea, how many knives and forks do you

need? Can you spot any numbers around your house? Does your door have a number on it? Can you spot any numbers when you go for a walk?

Literacy



In school we are looking at the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', you can watch it here:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGw5yTOPTSQ>

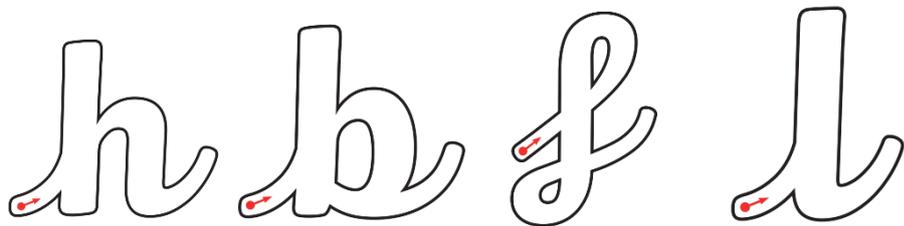
With your adult can you talk about what happens to the caterpillar in the story, can you remember what the caterpillars build around themselves?

Can you make your own cocoon using a blanket or your duvet?

The story goes through the days of the week, practice saying the days in the right order; do you know which days you come to nursery on? How many days are there in the week?

Writing - In the nursery, we are beginning to look at how we form our letters, this week we are focusing on the letters h, b, f and l. We learn to write in cursive. To begin with, this can seem really tricky but with lots of practice it gets easier and helps us when we have to learn to join our letters when we get older.

Below is an example of how we write the letters, each letter starts on the line.



To begin with we encourage the children to trace over the letters, keeping them quite large and then have a go at writing them on their own. It does take practice so don't panic if it doesn't look like the letter straight away!

Letters - We have been learning lots of sounds before Christmas, can you look at these sounds h, b, f and l, tell your adult what they are and show them the actions for the sounds. It is okay if you have forgotten them, ask your adult to remind you and then practice recognising them each day. You can make your own flashcards if you want and then these can be added to each week as we cover more letters.

Here's the link for the actions if you need them:-

<https://www.jollylearning.co.uk/resource-bank/jolly-phonics-actions/>

Don't forget to keep practicing the sounds from the previous weeks. In the nursery we try to do these everyday.

In our phonics we are improving our listening skills. Can you play 'Welcome to the Zoo' here you have to listen to the animal that is hiding in the box and click on the correct animal above it. If you want to you can listen to all the animal sounds before you play the game. Phonics play is free at the moment, if you follow the link below:-

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1>

Username: Jan21

Password: home

Then click on resources and phase 1 - you can then scroll down to the game 'Welcome to the Zoo'

Below are some video clips helping to give guidance on how we say the sounds, keeping the sounds pure. Below is the link for the first letter -s. You can then work through the other letters as and when you want to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nlqMDXWEtXs&list=PLuGr6z2H2KNGLy2Tckcy8Kk8u10mXgcmi&index=84>

P.E

Each day in the nursery we are starting off warming our bodies up with Andy's Wild Workouts. Have a look at the different places you can explore whilst warming up your bodies.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p06tmmvz/andys-wild-workouts>

Jump start Jonny is a brilliant P.E programme online - here is the link:-

<https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk>

Knowledge and Understanding of the World/ Expressive arts and design

There are so many activities that you can do linked with this weeks story, don't feel pressured to do all of these if you don't want to, pick out some that you fancy

Vegetable printing - cut some vegetables in half and dip them into paint, print onto paper. What patterns and shapes can you see from the vegetables? Do any of them have any seeds? Last week we were looking at patterns, can you make a vegetable pattern using two of the vegetables?

Butterfly painting - ask your grown up to draw an outline of a butterfly. Can you paint one half of the butterfly, then fold it carefully in half so that it matches with the other side. Press down really hard and then slowly open it back up. Can you see how the pattern has transferred onto the other side? This is called symmetry when both sides are the same.

The hungry caterpillar loves to eat lots of food, can you draw a picture of your favourite food?

The hungry caterpillar really enjoys eating fruit, what fruit do you like? Have you got a favourite? Maybe this week you could try a new piece of fruit that you have never tried before.

Using fruit that you have at your house could you make a fruit salad. You can help your grown up to prepare the fruit, let the adults do the chopping I don't want any accidents!

Can you move like a caterpillar, sliding across the floor. Next can you move like a butterfly flying through the sky. Think how you could use your arms to show that you are flying

I have left on the link for the story from Reverend Margaret for Noah's Ark. There were lots of lovely activities that you can choose to do if you wish.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ds3XQrRf-A4&feature=youtu.be>