

Wistaston Academy Reception
Home Learning Opportunities

Summer 1

The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Bug Collector

Key Skills

Communication and Language

This half term we are going to be learning about Spring and how our environment is changing. Get outside whenever you can and talk about what you can see. Describe the colours and the changes that are happening all around us as the plants begin to bloom.



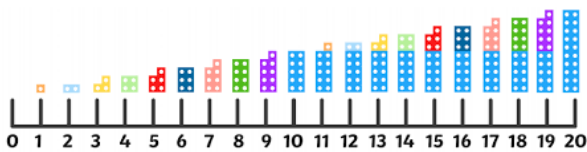
Listen to your child retell our story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Help your child to draw an oral story map of the story.



Key Skills

Mathematics

This half term we will be introducing numbers to 20 and beyond.



We'll be using 1:1 correspondence to count items beyond 10 and using different resources and games to explore the structure beyond 10. Can you go on a number hunt walk in your local area to see if you can spot numbers beyond 10?

Practise counting on and back beyond 10. Can you count at different starting points? Can you group your toys and make a pattern of e.g. ten and 4 more, ten and 5 more. Practise writing the numerals 11-20.

Understanding the World

Try and grow some plants from seed and experience first-hand how a plant develops.

What does the plant need to grow? Can you keep a diary and take photos to show the changes?



Visit Queens Park and see what plants you can find there. Can you record your findings? Visit a garden centre with an adult and look at the different plants available.

Key Skills

Physical Development

Play lots of games involving gripping or holding small objects e.g. rolling a dice, making button collages, tracing lines on pictures, making a caterpillar using tweezers.



Could you create a collage with your child using their favourite colours? Encourage them to cut the paper themselves, working on the correct scissor skills.

Can you practice holding your pens, pencils and scissors correctly? Remember to use your 'snappy grip'.

Key Skills

Literacy

This half term we are learning about growing and changing.

Why not visit the local library and explore books around growing and life cycles of familiar animals?



Can you write some simple sentences about a caterpillar or butterfly? You can also write a list of what a plant needs to grow. Can you use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to write your own sentences at home? Remember to segment the word and blend the sounds to write the word using your Fred Fingers.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring butterflies and their life cycles this half term. Can you make your own butterfly wings? They could be big enough to wear or small enough to hang in your window.



Some of our favourite stories this term are...

- The Extraordinary Gardener
- Oliver's Vegetables/Oliver's Fruit Salad
- Lifecycle of a Butterfly
- Sonya's Chickens
- The Tiny Seed
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- The Bug Collector

We will also read fiction and non-fiction texts about growing and life cycles too.

If you have any queries or questions regarding how to support your child with this half term's home learning, please come and see us. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

The Reception Team.