



Hello EY3 children and their families,

Our topic this half term is **The Great Outdoors**

This week we have started learning about minibeasts by reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and other caterpillar stories. We have been closely observing the caterpillars in our classroom and learning lots of scientific words to describe what is happening to them. We have been working really hard on our writing and focusing on adding finger spaces between our words. The children have written a character description of the Hungry Caterpillar and have thought of lots of interesting words to describe him!
Well done EY3!

SeeSaw

A few weeks ago, we sent out a letter inviting you to sign up to your child's online learning journey via a QR code.

On SeeSaw you will be able to see photographs and videos of your child's learning.

Please let us know if you have problems signing up.

Phonics

We have really been focusing on recognising the digraphs when reading and also using them in our writing. We have also been learning to use the tricky words in our writing. Please keep helping your child by going through the tricky words at home and reading your child's book as often as possible

Maths

This week we have been focusing on early subtraction skills by telling stories using 'First then and now' to explain what is happening. The children have been solving lots of subtraction story problems by using 10s frames and counters.

Shared Learning Opportunities

Home learning: Can you go on a mini-beast hunt to see what insects you can find? Maybe you could read a story or draw some of your favorite minibeasts to bring in to show the class- you could label the different parts of their body or write a sentence to say where you found them.

Show and Tell: Children can bring in something they find outdoors that is precious to them. It could be an interesting stone, shell or leaf. Children can bring one show and tell item a week. We have no set day for show and tell so children can keep their item in the basket until we have chance to show it.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Home Learning Challenge

The Very Hungry Caterpillar loves to eat lots of different foods. What is your favourite food? Draw a picture of your favourite food and write a sentence to tell us about it.



The Very Hungry Caterpillar eats 4 strawberries and 5 oranges. How many pieces of fruit did he eat altogether? You could use your fingers or draw a picture to help you.



In the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar eats some different foods each day. Can you remember the seven days of the week? Draw a picture or write a sentence about something you do each day.



At the end of the story the caterpillar turns into a butterfly. Can you find out what a tadpole turns into? You could use the Internet or books to help you. Draw or write your answer to share with the group.



Try some of the different fruits mentioned in the story. Which one is your favourite? You could try some apples, pears, strawberries, oranges, plums or watermelon. You could also try some other fruits – what other fruit might The Very Hungry Caterpillar like to eat?



Draw or paint a picture of a caterpillar or a butterfly. What colours do you need? What different parts do you need to draw? Talk to an adult about your picture.