

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

*Personal, Social & Emotional Development,
Communication & Language,*

Literacy

Talking about the story

- Read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle with your child.
 - Encourage them to join in with the story with you.
 - What can they see in the pictures?
 - What colours can they see?
 - How many strawberries/oranges/pears/plums/apples can they count?
 - What happened to the caterpillar in the story?
- Encourage your child to retell the story after you have read it.
- Make up a different ending to the story.
- Make up your own story using food from your house.

Physical Development

- Try some of the food that the caterpillar eats.
- Make a fruit kebab.
- Move like a caterpillar and a butterfly.
- Draw your own caterpillar or butterfly.
- Use play-dough to create a caterpillar.

Links

- 15 Very Hungry Caterpillar Crafts for Kids <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com>
- <https://singinghands.co.uk/makaton-signed-story/the-very-hungry-caterpillar-signed-story/>
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/get-squiggling-caterpillar>
- <https://youtu.be/Aait6-6Kq20>



Songs & rhymes

- There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf
- Caterpillar, caterpillar
- Little Arabella Miller

*Physical Development,
Expressive Arts & Design*

Make a caterpillar – you could use:

- Junk materials, e.g. egg cartons, cardboard tubes, bottle tops, crumpled up foil, etc.
- Natural objects, e.g. leaves, stones, petals, etc.
- Pasta – thread it onto string or pipe cleaners. How long can you make it? You could decorate it using paint, pens or glitter.
- Draw different shapes, cut them out and attach them using different fixings.
- Name caterpillar - draw circles, cut them out and write a letter of your name in each circle.
- Print a caterpillar – you could use some of the food that the Hungry Caterpillar eats. Try to make a pattern when you print.
- Handprint a caterpillar.
- Make a sock puppet caterpillar or butterfly.

Make a butterfly:

- Symmetrical butterfly painting
- Cut up pretty pieces of paper and decorate a butterfly picture.
- Butterfly mask
- Face painting

Understanding the World

In the environment:

- Look for caterpillars and butterflies in your garden or on your walk.
 - How many can you count?
 - What colours are they?
 - Talk about where you find the caterpillars or butterflies. What are they doing? What do they like to eat?
- Talk about the life cycle of a butterfly look online at images of eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis', butterflies.

Mathematics

- Find the correct amount of objects to match numerals 1-5.
- Create long and short caterpillars.
- Start counting your own fruit e.g. how many grapes/strawberries/apples do you eat?
- What are the days of the week? What fruit/food did the caterpillar eat on which day?
- Use chalk to draw a caterpillar hopscotch on the ground. Number each segment and encourage your child to count as they hop or jump along.