

# What is happening in Reception this week?

8th March 2021

## Literacy



We will be starting another book by Eric Carle this week, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. It follows the life of a caterpillar from an egg to a butterfly. During this time he eats and eats and eats, getting bigger and bigger. We will be reading it over and over so we learn it well. We will practise forming our sounds correctly and using our sounds for reading, spelling and writing.

## Maths



We are going to be learning all about the number 19 this week. The children will develop their understanding of the number by writing it and making it in different ways. We will also be introduced to subtraction on Ten Town and will be developing this over the next few weeks. We will look at doubling next week too.



## Topic

This week, we start looking at life cycles. We will look at a caterpillar and how it changes to a butterfly. We have some caterpillars coming later in the month and we can watch them grow and grow. We will be learning about Spring and looking to spot any signs. The hungry caterpillar eats lots of brightly coloured fruit so we will also be thinking about what we eat and how we can stay healthy and grow.

## Messages

We are so excited that the children will be coming back to school on Monday. We are so looking forward to seeing them all again. Well done for all your hard work with home schooling, we know how challenging it has been at times. The children at school have been practising hanging their coats and putting water bottles and bags in the correct places in the morning. They have got back into the routine quickly as I am sure the other children will too. Please remember their water bottles, reading folders, PE kits and lunchboxes. **You must order school lunches at home again now!**

## How can you help at home?

Please help your child by getting back into good routines, especially bedtime routines. Please leave yourself extra time, as they may be slower getting ready for the first few days. It will be hard for the children who are coming back and some might be reluctant at first. They have been with you for a long time. If your child needs time, just take them to the side, away from other adults and wait until they are ready. Children may be slow at putting their coats and things away, but will soon speed back up once they get used to it again. Once the children are in, we will be reassessing their phonics and may have to change some groups. Due to this, we will collect reading folders in Red and Blue for Monday until these have been organised. As always, we will group the children on the stage of their reading. Most children are now blending or starting to blend and will bring words, ditties or books home. Please listen to them everyday and develop positive attitudes to reading. If your child struggles with a word, orally say the sounds to help them. Please read stories to them and help develop a love of reading and stories with them.

**IMPORTANT**

**We are always here to help and support you. Education is a partnership. The stronger the partnership, the better it is for everyone. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, please let us know. We are so pleased our children are coming back to school! Have a lovely week!**