

Literacy



We will be starting a book by Eric Carle this week called, '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. This week we will be focusing on the main character, setting and the problem.

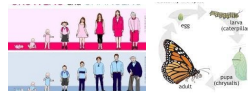
In phonics, most of us are now learning special friends. We will all be practising oral blending, reading green and red words, practising writing sounds and spelling words with the sounds we know well. We are all practising writing CVC words, most of us are writing them in phrases with finger spaces. In handwriting, we are trying to write our letters on a line.

Maths



This week, the children will continue to engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting – to find out 'how many' objects there are. They will also revisit the concept of cardinality – the idea that the last number in the count tells us how many things there are altogether. They will continue to have opportunities to hear, join in with and develop their knowledge of the counting sequence and to become secure enough with their counting skills to be able to count out a set of objects from a larger set, remembering the 'stopping number' and knowing that this means they have selected the correct number.

Topic



We are continuing our topic about staying safe, healthy and well. This week, we will be thinking about growing and changing. We have changed since we were a baby and will change more as we become an adult. Our parents were once children like us! In our story, an egg was laid on a leaf that hatched into a tiny caterpillar. He ate so much and grew so big! When he was big enough, he made a cocoon and changed into a beautiful butterfly. This is a life cycle. After Easter we will get some baby caterpillars and watch them grow and change. We need to eat plenty of healthy foods as we grow into adults too, like egg and cress sandwiches that we will be making!



Messages

This week, the children will be following instructions in a recipe, to make a healthy egg and cress sandwich. They will learn about the importance of hygiene when preparing and eating food.

We are currently having some work done on our outside area. When this is completed and safe again, we will return to learning outside. We need suitable clothing for learning outside in the spring. The weather can be quite changeable, sometimes quite mild other times quite cold. Please ensure your child has a warm and waterproof coat, so they can be comfortable in their outdoor play. Also please label **everything**, so we know who to return things to.

Your child has passwords in their diaries to access Ten Town and Oxford Owl at home. Please let us know if you are having difficulties with these. Both of these sites provide some great online support for their class learning.



How can you help at home?

Please continue to practise oral blending with your child daily. If they can blend 3 sounds then extend them to 4 to help them progress in their reading. The Fred game links and Oxford Owl activities will help with this. Please practise sounds daily and listen to your child read if they are bringing home words, sheets and/or books. Some children are now learning the first six set 2 sounds and these can be trickier. Please continue to practise reading all the sounds they have learned.

Please share books and read to your child every night if you can. Try and develop a love of reading that will stay with them for the rest of their lives! The children are able to select a school book to bring home, for you to enjoy together. They should return the book each Friday to exchange for a new one.

Ten Town will give your child access to all the stories and songs they know and a range of activities designed to develop their understanding of numbers.

You can also support your child's Maths learning by undertaking some of the suggested activities from the maths home learning.



Our Learning

If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please come and speak to Mrs Kalampaliki, Mrs Griffin or Ms York.
We hope you all have a lovely week!