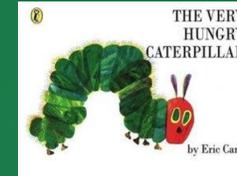




# Reception learning at home

## Week 2: The Very Hungry Caterpillar



### Communication and Language

- Watch Eric Carle read [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) or read it yourselves if you have the book.
- Talk about the story together asking questions such as 'Was there anything you liked or disliked about the story?' 'How did the story begin?' 'Why do you think the caterpillar got so big?' 'I wonder which food from the story you would choose to eat.'
- Choose a quiet time towards the end of your day and talk about what you have done, share your favourite bit of today.

### Physical Development

- [In my little garden](#) from [BBC Teach](#) is a short radio programme with songs, movement and a story all about nature. Join in with your child to help them to get their daily 180 minutes of physical activity.
- Try out these [minibest movement sessions](#) to raise your child's heartbeat and to help with their coordination
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar feels much better after he eats a nice green leaf, you could use this to talk to your child about healthy eating. Watch '[Tiana Eat Up](#)' from [Tata Storytime](#) to help you to talk about this more.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- For balance and calm, try this [caterpillar to butterfly yoga sequence](#). This will give you lots of chances to talk about how the caterpillar changes into a butterfly, you may then want to talk about what has changed for your child and what is coming next for them.
- After two weeks the caterpillar changes into a beautiful butterfly, what new skill could your child practice while you are isolating? Make sure it is something your child really wants to achieve for themselves. This will help them to keep on trying even when something is difficult when they go back to school.

### Useful Home Learning Links

- [The National Literacy Trust Family Zone](#)
- [EYFSHome](#)
- [Tata Storytime](#)
- [The Royal Institution of Great Britain](#)
- [Change4Life](#)
- [ABC Does](#)
- [White Rose Maths](#)
- [Oak National Academy](#)
- [The Imagination Tree](#)

## Literacy

- Support your child to read the labels on these [story sequencing cards](#) and then work together to put them into the correct order. This will help their understanding of time and sequence as well as supporting their reading skills.
- Make your own diary. Fold a [book](#) and help your child to draw or write what they have done each day "On Monday we..."
- Look at recipes together that use fruit and choose one to make at home. You could use cookery books or look online, try [BBC Good Food](#) or [I can cook](#)

## Understanding the world

- Watch [a caterpillar turn into a butterfly](#) and find out more about the [life cycle of a butterfly](#)
- Find out how to make a [butterfly feeder](#) to attract some into your garden or onto your windowsill so you can watch these insects in real life. If it's the wrong time of year for butterflies, why not make a [recycled bird feeder](#) instead and see what birds visit your window?
- Try out this fun [floating fruit experiment](#)

## Maths

- [Nrich](#) have some great maths ideas related to caterpillars. You'll need some playdough – we really like this ['no-cook' recipe](#).
- This online game: ['counting caterpillar'](#) will help children to order numbers.
- Make [fruit kebabs](#), count the fruit pieces as you push them onto the skewer and talk about the repeating patterns you can make with the different fruit
- Imagine you are the Very Hungry Caterpillar eating your way through the leaves with this [leaf threading activity](#). Add mathematical challenge by threading the leaves in order of size or colour

## Expressive Arts and Design

- Get creative with some Eric Carle inspired art. His pictures were made by [painting tissue paper](#) and then using it to make a [collage](#). For more ideas watch this [clip](#) or visit [The Imagination Tree](#)
- Act out the lifecycle of a butterfly in a [life-cycle role play](#)
- Make a butterfly picture. Fold a piece of paper in half, paint on one half of the paper, fold it together again and press down firmly, open it up so you have the same pattern on both sides. Help your child to cut the paper into the shape of a butterfly