

Nursery Home Learning

Monday 20th April

Hello everyone,

This half-term our topic is called **Minibeasts**. Our main focus will be insects and bugs, and we will be learning about life cycles, growth and change.

Each week, on a Monday, we are going to send you 3 activities which you can complete at home. These activities link to what we would have been doing in class. We hope you enjoy them and if you would like to, you can send us photos of your work though our class e-mails.

Here are the 3 activities for this week.

'Minibeasts' - The Life Cycle of a Caterpillar

1. Think about the insects you know and see in your garden / park (ants, spiders, bees, beetles, grasshoppers, dragonflies, snails, ladybirds, etc).

Watch "Insects / Educational Videos" for kids on YouTube following the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJlfBNyBKQA>

What's your favourite insect? Talk to your adult about it. How does it look? What colour/ shape / size is it? How many legs does it have? Can you make a representation of your favourite insect? It can be a picture, a Lego structure, a collage, a model out of recycled materials or a playdough creation!

2. Listen to or watch the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. If you do not have this book at home you will be able to find a video of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" on YouTube. Do you remember our "Days of the Week" song? Can you sing it to your adult?

Can you talk to your adult about how many and what fruit the caterpillar ate each day? Can you find 2, 3, 4, 5 or maybe 10 objects in your house to count? Tell your adult to find that many objects too! Lay your findings in a line. How many altogether? Can you do that many star jumps?

3. Make a story box for the hungry caterpillar; you can use a shoe box and decorate it with natural leaves, twigs and stones! Can you make things to represent a caterpillar's **life cycle**? (an egg, a tiny caterpillar, a big fat caterpillar, a cocoon and a butterfly). What do the caterpillars need to grow? May be you can draw / make and add some of the food the caterpillar ate in the story to your box too?

And now it's time to get up and join in with some wiggly moves!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lkza_tRINRE

Can you follow the moves? Yes, adults, you too! ☺

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUbYq93cYdE>

Have Fun!

Love from Ms. Castro and Ms. Whatley