

## Minibeasts - Week 2: The Caterpillar and it's lifecycle

**Communication and Language** (Listening and attention, following instructions and concentrating)

Ask your child what they know about caterpillars? Have they ever seen a real one? What did it look like?

There are many varieties, have a look at these ones I have found:



Can you ask your child to look at the caterpillars and describe them to you. Asking questions such as are they the same? What makes them different? Which one is their favourite and why? Talk about how the children think they may feel if they were able to touch and hold them.

## Caterpillar facts:

A Caterpillar Has Just One Job—to Eat

Caterpillars Increase Their Body Mass by as Much as 1,000 Times or More

A Caterpillar's First Meal Is Usually Its Eggshell

A Caterpillar Has as Many as 4,000 Muscles in Its Body

Caterpillars Have 12 Eyes

Caterpillars Produce Silk

Caterpillars Have 6 Legs, Just as Adult Butterflies or Moths Do

Caterpillars Move in a Wavelike Motion, From Back to Front

Caterpillars Get Creative When It Comes to Self Defense

Many Caterpillars Use the Toxins From Their Host Plants to Their Own Advantage

For explanations of these facts please visit the link below

<https://www.thoughtco.com/fascinating-facts-about-caterpillars-1968169>

Watch and listen to Hungry Caterpillar songs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUBBh4QzTU>

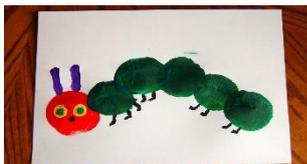
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**What do caterpillars eat?** Investigate the answers on this link

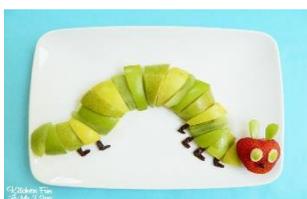
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QYbMScXPEVO>

## Creative

Can you collect milk bottle tops and create a caterpillar from them with glue and paper?



Or maybe Finger paint a caterpillar? What colours will you use? If you have scissors, you could draw some circle shapes, use an object if you need support and cut them out using the scissors and make another type of caterpillar, if you have different coloured paper you could try and make the rainbow one



Can you make a caterpillar snack like this one? This is apple and a strawberry. What fruits will you use?

## Minibeast Topic



Using a toilet roll tube and paint can you create a caterpillar by printing – what shapes can you see?

Can you draw or colour a rainbow caterpillar?



Extending - Using dried beans and various pasta shapes (if you have readily available) can you create a life cycle picture? If not you can draw one.

## Literacy

**Reading** - Click this link to Listen to the story of The very hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQG-Sm1YY>

Ask your children questions about the story i.e. what food items were eaten? How did the caterpillar feel after eating all the food? How do you feel if you eat too much chocolate or sweets? What happened after he ate all the food? What was your favourite part of the story?

Extending the learning – what happened at the beginning, middle and the end of the story?

**Jolly phonics** Click the link below – look and learn the sound for “c” (for caterpillar)

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

See how many objects you can find beginning with this letter.

Add additional items not beginning with c and ask your children to find the odd ones out.

Additional phonics websites – to access the phase one games for Nursery age.

<http://www.phonicsplay.com>

[www.phonicsbloom.com](http://www.phonicsbloom.com)

## Literacy - Writing

Using a small amount of flour or sugar or salt placed on a flat plate, can you create a C letter shape?  
Can you mark make a circle shape? Or any of the patterns displayed below?



## **Understanding the world –**

Lifecycle of a Butterfly - please click the links below

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3o\\_nE1X014U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3o_nE1X014U)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1S8WzwLPIM>

## Technology

Can you discover any caterpillars in your garden? If so can you take photos of it with your ipad or your parents phone?

## People and communities

Look at photos of you when you were a baby – do you look the same now? How have you changed? What colour eyes/hair do you have? Do you look like anyone else in your family?

## **Physical - Get moving by clicking on the links below:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7jSWdnoshw>

The very hungry caterpillar yoga work out

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhWDiQRrC1Y>

Move and freeze actions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=388Q44ReOWE>

## Maths

Minibeast counting –

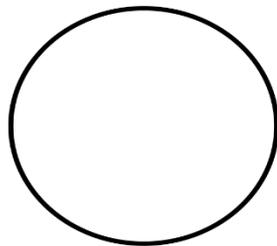
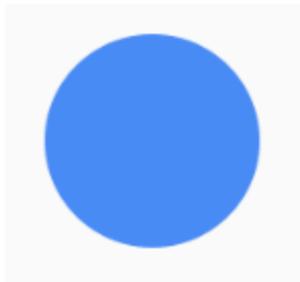
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bzVjf0ji9v8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OuFc8c3ITDw>

Count the objects together, you may need to pause each page and support your child to count the items as the number increases.

Can you count how many items you have on a plate for your snack? Count everyday items, i.e. if helping to lay the table count the knives and forks.

**Looking at circle shapes – The challenge is to see how many circle shaped objects you have in your home.**



**Songs about circles**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIXnXf6FSq8>

## Expressive arts and Design

Can you tap out a simple rhythm for your child to repeat? Take turns copying each other.

### Being Imaginative

Brain breaks, dancing to different sounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JvkWXBY2eY>

Have fun with this learning, and please send me photos of your child's learning and let me know if you are happy for them to go on the school twitter account and website.

Keep safe – Mrs Elliott