

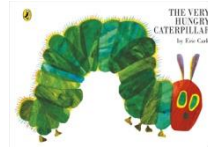


Blossom News

March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks of learning in Blossom.



In English, we have become familiar with the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We have sequenced the story using time connectives (One day, then, next, in the end)- both in our oral storytelling and in writing. We are building up a bank of describing words which help to 'paint a picture' of the different foods that the caterpillar ate; we have taken on the role of the caterpillar - telling the story from its point of view- and we are learning to write using the personal pronoun 'I'. A target for the Year 1 children is to consistently use capital letters and full stops in their writing, as well as spotting them in our reading books.

In Maths, the Reception children have been exploring the symmetry in butterfly wings. We have enjoyed designing symmetrical butterflies using multilink cubes; describing and arranging 2D shapes into patterns; and being creative with paints.

The Year 1s have focused on developing accurate counting skills: forwards and backwards in 2s and 5s. The children enjoyed the practical learning: making sets - 'lots of' - 2p and 5p coins to then count, how many altogether?



We were very excited to welcome real caterpillars into the class this week, which supports our topic 'Minibeasts'. We have been busy using the magnifying glasses to help us observe carefully what the caterpillars look like and how they are moving; we then record our ideas and observations.

We are excited to begin our Geography topic on Italy; finding Italy on a map of the world and Europe, listening to Italian music and learning about the meanings behind the colours on the flag. We are looking forward to making Italian pizza and learning to perform traditional Italian dances.



We very much appreciate your continued support. Regularly listening to your child read at home gives them a great opportunity to share their blending-to-read skills with a supportive audience.

Kind regards,

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