

Dear Parents / Carers and Children

I hope you have all settled back after the Easter Break. It was such a pleasure to speak with you and your child during the phone calls this week! It really made me smile to see how wonderfully you are doing at home and how well you are coping with the changes. You really are super stars! Thank you to all the parents for taking their time to speak with me this week. You are doing an amazing job at home and it is good to hear you are all safe and well. You are all working so hard and helping your mummy's and daddy's at home too. I have loved to see your photographs, please keep them coming to my email address - dmolloy@stmarysnewman.co.uk

Focus Story: *The Hungry Caterpillar*

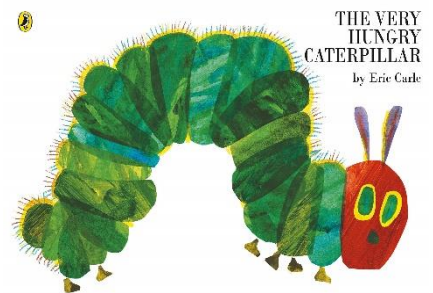
Focus words: *days of the week (in order), fruit, healthy and unhealthy*

Talk about the words and what they mean.

Use the words within a sentence throughout the week.

If you cannot get hold of the book you can watch the story on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1Y>



Rhyme of the Week:



The fuzzy caterpillar,
Curled up on a leaf,
Spun her little chrysalis,
Then fell asleep.
While she was sleeping,
She dreamed she could fly,
And later she woke up,
And was a butterfly!

Maths Teasers

If there are 6 caterpillars on a leaf and 2 of them turn into beautiful butterflies. How many caterpillars are left? *Can you complete practically. You may wish to write the number sentence.*

Two tiny caterpillars decide to have some dinner, there are 10 juicy leaves. How many leaves would each caterpillar have? *This needs to be completed practically as it is a sharing activity.*

Shape of the Week:

Hexagon

How many sides does it have?

How many corners does it have?

Does it tessellate? (fit together)

Can you use a Hexagon to make a picture?

Alliteration

"Butterfly" begins with the 'b' sound. Can make up a different alliterative verse beginning with a different sound?

big, beautiful, butterfly

Other suggestions for this week:

- Please see attached a letter regarding some fantastic phonics information available to you at home! The letter explains that it is aimed at Reception and Year 1 however please Nursery parents take a look it will give you ideas and knowledge of the learning children may already be doing and what is expected in September.
- Please continue with the measuring activities, the ones I have seen and heard about are fantastic! We are sticking with length and I have attached some 'measuring activities' that you could complete at home together focusing on length. Next week we will move on to a different type of measurement.
- Have a go at sequencing the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. For reception (and Nursery if you wish you have a try) Can you write a sentence to go alongside the picture. Try and use your phonics to spell and try to remember the tricky words such as 'I, the, to, go'
- Can you measure how tall you are! And then measure all the other people in your house! You can see who is the tallest and who is the shortest! You might want to measure yourself every 2 weeks to see if you have grown! Try and do this every week until you come back to school
- To support with writing I have attached some practise sentence. You may wish to use these alongside the story sequencing or just to practise writing sentences. Some children may need support to see some words but a lot of the words in the word bank are CVC or phonetically decodable.
- Can you have a try at sorting the healthy and unhealthy foods in the correct boxes?!
- Shopping list - The Very Hungry Caterpillar has lots of different types of food! Can you help to write the shopping list with mummy and daddy? You can copy the labels if you wish too and you could even write down using your numbers how many of each items you need!
- Days of the week - Have a go at practising your days of the week (in order) You can write them down too!
- Take part in the daily Joe Wicks work out and get all the family involved!
- We know that we are very lucky to have beautiful weather at the moment and I know that lots of you want to be in the garden. This is great for physical development! Building, running, riding your bike, dancing, on the slide or swing! Please let us know what you are up to in the garden and how you are keeping active too!
- If you wish to do something a little more creative! You could make a green leaf caterpillar. All you need to do is collect some green leaves from your garden or your daily walk. Then create a red caterpillar face and add the leaves for the body. You might want to use the leaves or print with them using green paint.

- Remember to keep on sending in your photographs and work



Special mentions!



Well done to all of the children who are working hard at ho

Sebastian has enjoyed dressing up as his favourite superhero! He has
care of the caterpillars in his garden! Very caring Sebastian...

Enzo has been enjoying the sunshine in his garden, building and swimming in his
paddling pool! He has been practising his handwriting too! Fantastic

Eughann has been enjoying his Hungry Caterpillar topic, measuring and spelling out
the letters in his name too! I wonder whose name would make a longer caterpillar
and whose would be short?

Gabby and Grace have created some beautiful rainbows and shared their fantastic
Easter bonnets.

George and his big brother have been busy making their windows nice and bright.
They have displayed rainbows and a lovely Caterpillar theme too!

Penelope has been doing super writing and reading tasks! Matching CVC words to
the correct pictures! She has been busy doing maths work! And she has even rode
a bike with no stabilisers!

Elyra has been learning how to use the program 'paint' on her computer and she
has some beautiful shapes and art work! She has made playdough mini beasts and
even written the story of 'The Hungry Caterpillar!'

We are super proud of each and every one of you!

Take care and keep safe

Looking forward to seeing you all soon, Miss Molloy, Mrs Smith, Mrs Capper and Mrs Law x x