



The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Penguin and Zebra Classes

Summer Term / 2023

This term's exciting topic is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We will be basing our learning around the fantastic book by Eric Carle and learning all about **caterpillars, butterflies and other mini beasts**. We are beginning the topic by hatching our own caterpillars from eggs. The children should enjoy watching the caterpillars' progress daily.



In our maths lessons this term we are learning about **doubling, ordering and estimating** as well as moving onto **sharing**. We will continue our 'number of the week' and 'number blocks' learning sessions. In addition to all this we will be introducing the topic of **money** which the children can enjoy spending as part of their Friday Bee Challenge treat. You can help your child with their maths lessons by continuing looking for numbers around you, comparing amounts, talking about more & less, encouraging them to help you with weighing and measuring.

BUZZ words for this term will include

Position, direction, left, right, turn – *while learning about maps*

Cocoon, chrysalis, creatures, life cycle – *while learning about the caterpillar*

We are all very excited that this year the farm is coming back to visit Penguin and Zebra Classes at Bordon Infant School. 'Mill Cottage Farm Experience' is coming to visit on 9th May. Previously they have brought baby lambs, ducks, chickens, turkeys, geese, donkeys and pigs to visit us. I wonder who or what they will bring this year. The children will get an opportunity to see the animals up close, brush them, stroke them and maybe even feed them. It is a fantastic learning experience for the children and great fun for us all.



In our literacy lessons, we will be looking at the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and comparing it to the tale of 'The Cautious Caterpillar'. We will be using the stories as a basis for our own animal themed tales. We will recap the days of the week and introduce diary writing - this will help them record the caterpillar's progress. We will also be investigating 'information books' and finding out more about mini beasts. Later on we will be imagining how the butterflies will leave Bordon Infants and travel into the big world. We will be discussing where they might travel to and what they might see. Keep helping your child with their literacy by reading with them daily and chatting with them - encouraging them to talk in full sentences. They could practice their writing at home by helping with shopping lists and messages. One tip we have had to help with reading is to put on the subtitles when your child is watching tv - give it a try and let us know how they get on.