

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Penguin, Dolphin and Zebra Classes

*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 caterpillars*

Summer Term 1 2024



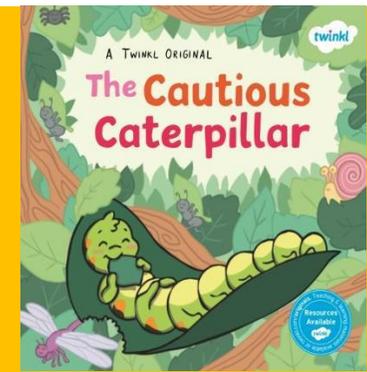
This term's exciting topic is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We are beginning the topic by hatching our own caterpillars from eggs after that will be watching the caterpillars' progress daily.

In maths we begin by drawing maps to help delivery drivers find our school using lots of direction words and symbols. We will use what we know about part whole to support both **addition** and **subtraction** as well as moving onto **sharing and estimating**. We will also continue our 'number of the week' into the teen numbers.

You can help your child with their maths lessons by continuing to notice numbers around you and what parts they can see, comparing amounts and talking about more & less, equal, unequal etc

To encourage summer visitors such as butterflies, moths, birds and bees we will be planting some colourful flowers and summer bedding. We will start to grow our own crops of potatoes, carrots and strawberries as well as herbs for our mud kitchen. Fingers crossed we will have a bumper harvest this year! We have enjoyed eating some of the things we have grown in the past, especially the strawberries and potatoes.

On the first day back (15th April) we are having a planting and gardening day. We will be spending the day outside, digging, raking, planting and labelling our flower beds and tubs. Please can you send in a plant, shrub or small pack of bedding flowers that your child can look after over the next term. This should be sent in on the 15th – the first day back. Any old planters, leftover bags of soil etc would be gratefully received too.



In literacy, we will be looking at the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and comparing it to the tale of 'The Cautious Caterpillar'. We will introduce diary writing – this will help record the caterpillar's progress. We will also be investigating 'information books' and finding out more about mini beasts.

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 starting to keep their own diary.

