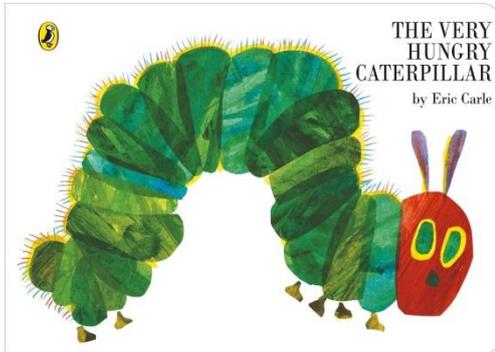


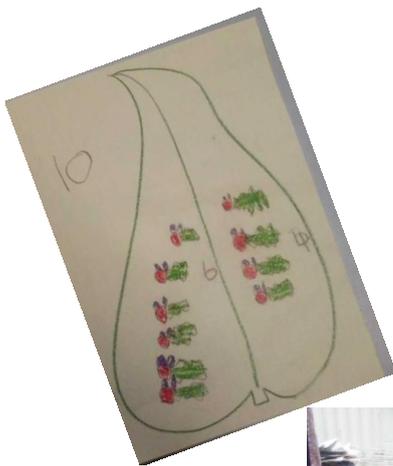
Peek at the Week

Friday 10th March



We've had an enjoyable week in Waveney Class. Our focus book was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and sequenced the stages. We also talked about the food the caterpillar ate and whether it was healthy or not healthy and compared with foods we like to eat. The children wrote a list or sentences about what the caterpillar ate. They drew their own story maps. Some children changed elements of the story, such as adding different food, and used them to tell the story, using

some of the vocabulary and phrases from the original, such as 'by the light of the moon'. Harper used playdough to make the food too.



In Maths Reception have been working on number 19. We made number sentences using addition and subtraction. We also talked about the days of the week and linked them to the story. We added more caterpillars to an amount to make 10, and then made our own number bond caterpillar pictures. We made symmetrical butterfly paintings by folding, then added shapes, making sure that both sides of the butterfly had the same. We went on to use this knowledge to make number bonds butterflies, putting the same amount on each side and working out the total.

In Phase 3 Phonics, one group has been learning the digraphs **ur ow oi**, reading and writing words and short phrases. The other group has been revisiting **ff ll ss**.

The Nursery children have been continuing to do lots of dinosaur themed activities this week. They have also enjoyed writing letters and cards for people around the school and delivering them like postmen. They sang lots of number songs and played with our 'Coding Critters' – programming them to move.



Well done to Verity who is this week's star! She wrote 7 sentences about the caterpillar, each one starting with a Capital letter and ending with a full stop. She used lots of digraphs too. She also created a beautiful caterpillar finger-painting and worked hard on number bonds. Well done, Verity!

Please note! From next week we will be **opening the gate at 8.45** (so there will be less time for children with siblings to wait outside) and **closing it at 8.55**. In the afternoons the children will be brought out at **3.15**. We will trial these new times for the rest of the term. We are still happy for siblings of children that attend intervention groups before school to come in early, but please **not before 8.25**. The staff come in early to prepare and discuss the teaching and it is very difficult to do this effectively when the children are in the classrooms. Thank you for your support with this.

HOME LEARNING

- Nursery** Sort some vegetables by colour. Which ones do you like? Are there any that you haven't tried yet? Try a new vegetable.
- Reception** Make a food diary for the weekend. Can you count how many fruits and vegetables you ate?

Have a lovely weekend! The Early Years Team