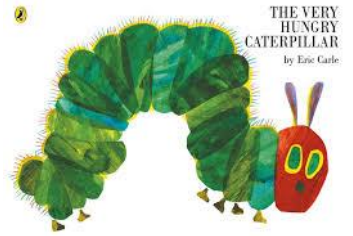


# Home Learning Week 9



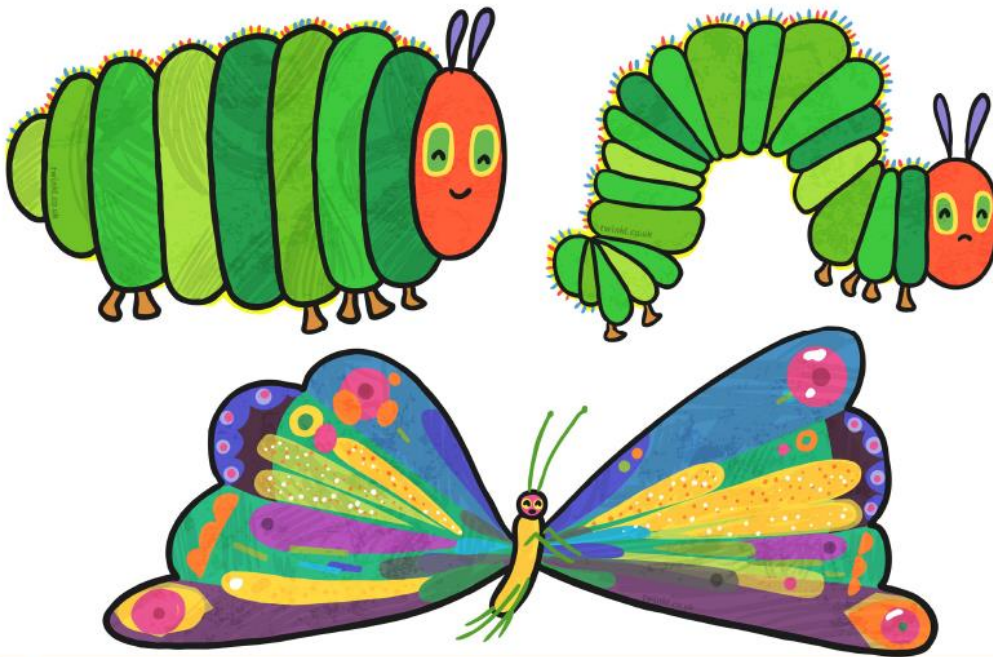
This week's activities will be based on the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle

## Watch and listen

If you have a copy of this lovely book, share it with your child. Encourage them to look at the pictures and to enjoy the repetitive phrases as you read it. If you don't have a copy of the book, you can access an animation of the story here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

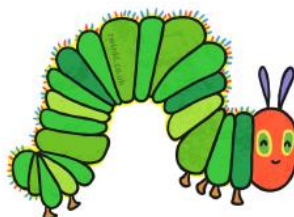
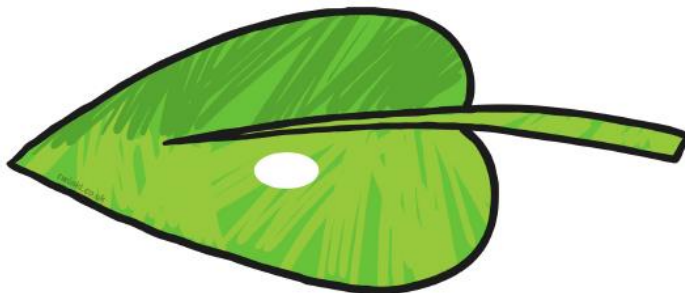
## Stick puppets

Help your child develop their fine motor control as they cut out these puppets. Attach them to sticks and use to support retelling of the story, developing your child's language and recall.



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## Healthy eating

Talk to your child about the various foods that the caterpillar eats in the story. Which of the foods do they like? If there are some that they haven't tasted, have a fruit tasting session! You could even make a fruit kebab, see recipe below:

### Ingredients

Pineapple

Apples

Strawberries

Bananas

Watermelon

### Equipment

Chopping boards

Sharp knife (adult use only)

Child-safe knives

Star-shaped cookie cutters

Wooden kebab skewers  
(blunt-ended if possible)

### Method

1. Before the activity, prepare the wooden skewers by boiling them in hot water. This will stop them from splintering.
2. Wash your hands and put on an apron.
3. Next, wash the fruit.
4. Then, an adult should remove the skin from the pineapple, watermelon and apple (optional).
5. Cut the apple, pineapple and banana into chunks, and the strawberries into halves. Children can use child-safe knives to cut the soft fruit like the bananas, pineapple and strawberries.
6. Cut the watermelon into slices.
7. Use the cookie cutters to cut star shapes out of the slices of watermelon.
8. Lay out the fruit pieces and carefully place onto the skewers. Children should be closely supervised for this activity, as the skewers can be very sharp. Model how to push the fruit onto the skewers, without putting their hands behind the fruit where the skewer will come through it.

## Counting

Using the book, encourage your child to count how many of each fruit the caterpillar ate each day. Make sure that they point to each item as they say each number. If you don't have the book, use some real items e.g. fruit or tins, to count. Start by counting these strawberries.



## Get creative with paints

Use paints to create a hungry caterpillar and a beautiful butterfly. For the caterpillar use green paint – dip your finger in the paint and then print onto paper, one fingerprint for each section of the caterpillar's body. Use pencils / pens to draw on legs, a face and some antennae. For the butterfly, ask an adult to fold a big piece of paper in half and to cut the shape of butterfly wings. Use a paintbrush to dab paint on ONE SIDE of the butterfly (use plenty of paint and different colours). Now fold the paper over and press down. Finally open up the paper – wow a beautiful butterfly!

\*Please remember to supervise your child at all times when doing these activities\*