

**Week 2:**

Early years	
<b>Story of the week:</b>	The very hungry caterpillar
<b>Role play:</b>	Fruit and veg shop- using real or pretend foods.
<b>Phonics phase 1:</b>	Focus on /c/ sound. Multi-sensory letter shapes-magnetic, foam, or gel c's Can you find objects/ toys around the house or garden that begin with the letter c (c is for caterpillar, cup, cat, cow, crab). Once the objects have been collected take them back to the table, name the objects, do they all begin with the letter c?
<b>Counting:</b>	Provide a selection of real or plastic fruit and veg and order them into sets, count how many are in each set.  Encourage your child to go on a leaf hunt and collect different shapes and sizes.  Look at patterns- sequencing colours/ shapes- Create some colourful caterpillars using Duplo bricks / other construction toys colour patterns (Red, blue, red blue etc) or different shaped caterpillars (circle, square, circle, square)
<b>Sensory play:</b>	In a tray with sand/ flour, use mark making tools - spoons, sticks and paint brushes or even their fingers, practice writing the letter c  Explore colourful materials, toys, light up toys like the colours on a butterfly  Food colouring rice -The hungry caterpillar colours. Green and red rice, scoop, spoons and pour into different sized pots  Colour mixing using food colouring or paints. If food colouring you could put different colours on a pot or bowl of water and watch to see if the colours mix, what happens? Are the colours the same or different? What happens when you mix different coloured paints together? Do the colours change? With all the new colours make a colourful picture

	<b>Creative activities:</b>	<p>Make a paper chain caterpillar, using different coloured strips of paper and stick them together.</p> <p>Butterfly paintings, fold a piece of paper in half and open back up to make a whole piece again. Then free paint on one half of the paper, when finished fold</p>
		<p>the paper onto the completed painted side and smooth your hand over the top. Open back up then you have a print on the other side. Cut into a butterfly shape.</p> <p>In an ice cube tray add different coloured paint to each section in the tray (With a little water) Freeze them over night.</p> <p>Now explore your nice ice paints and use them to make a beautiful colourful butterfly painting.</p>
	<b>Fine motor</b>	<p>Butterfly/ insect inset puzzles</p> <p>Threading- Using green and red beads or you could use some tubed pasta, shoe lace, wool or string to use to thread. You could also use a leaf found outside or one you have drawn, hole punch around the edge and thread.</p> <p>Using kitchen tongs, sort fruit into pots. Using the tongs move the fruit from one pot to another.</p>
	<b>Physical activities - Gross motor</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The very hungry caterpillar.</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhWDiQRrC1Y">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhWDiQRrC1Y</a> (Cosmic kids- youtube)</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY</a> (The very hungry caterpillar animated- youtube)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Curl up into a ball like you are the egg on the leaf</li> <li>2. You can use tunnels and go through it pretend you are the caterpillar/ crawl around the floor like you are the caterpillar looking for food</li> <li>3. Using large sheet/ stretchy blankets, lay down and wrap yourself up and pretend to be a caterpillar in a cocoon, make a hole and jump out and you are now a beautiful butterfly.</li> <li>4. Flap your arms and fly around like a butterfly.</li> </ol> <p>Using chalks make beautiful coloured patterns on large pieces of paper put up outside on the walls or floor. You could ask an adult if it is ok for you to mark make on the outside walls and paths.</p>