Communication and Language

During our topic we will play listening games that use our understanding of the stories read. We will go on a caterpillar, butterfly, worm and ladybird hunt around the outdoor area. We use prepositions such as under, on top, behind for example if you ask us to put our teddy 'under' we can. We will try to answer why questions, like: Why do you think the caterpillar got so fat?

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will work in teams to build cocoons with different materials (e.g. wrapping toilet paper around a child). Every day we will have opportunities for cooperative play both inside and outside.

Physical Development

During this topic we will know the difference between healthy and unhealthy food. We will have fun moving like caterpillars, butterflies, ladybirds and worms using props and obstacles. We will be making paper chain caterpillars, cutting and attaching.

Literacy

We will "write" pretend shopping lists that start at the top of the page. We will try to write our names and some letters accurately. We are able to recognise when words start with the same sound such as sizzling sausages. We will learn to count or clap syllables and sounds in words for example C-A-T (3 claps).

Mathematics

We will explore and name some 2D shapes: circle, rectangle, triangle and square using mathematical language. We know that we can count actions as well as objects up to 5. We will count by rote usually linking this to number rhymes and songs sometimes up to 10. We will practice to say 1 number for each object in order to 5 (1:1 correspondence). We will match numerals with a small amount of objects up to 5.

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Understanding the World

We will learn key features of the life cycle of the butterfly. We will learn how to take care for the natural environment and living things. We will talk about similarities and differences when observing (comparing) insects and plants.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will sing topic-related songs and rhymes. We will learn to name some musical instruments, recognise them based on the sound they are making and play them. Explore colour mixing and texture in our work. We will practice drawing a happy face and a sad face. Express ourselves through role-play.

Week 1 -The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Week 2 -The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Week 3 – Superworm

Week 4 -Superworm

Week 5 -I Love Bugs!

Week 6 - Mad About Mini Beasts!