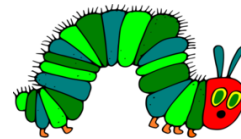




# Caterpillar News - April 2021



Our topic this half term is: *Investigators*

## How you could help at home:

Talk about the change in season and look for different things that are growing, You could grow some seeds of your own and look for some mini beasts in your garden.

Share non-fiction and fiction books about Emergency Services and different occupations. You could talk about what they do, the equipment they use and their different vehicles. Talk about what to do in an Emergency and the use of 999.

Thank you for your continued support in following current restrictions at drop and pick up.

Please remember that if someone different is coming to collect your child they need to be part of your bubble. If you need to make any changes to this please inform the office as children will only be able to be collected by named adults on your bubble list. You will also need to make sure they have your password.

### Dojo

Thank you to everyone who has been working hard at home sharing all your amazing learning with us on Dojo. This information is vital in helping us to build a picture of what you child can do both at home and school.

We are looking forward to hearing about your learning this half term and can't wait to hear about the things you are investigating.

### Dates

**29<sup>th</sup> April School photos**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May Bank holiday school closed**

**28<sup>th</sup> May Half term**

**7<sup>th</sup> June Training day**

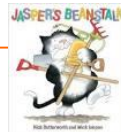
**8<sup>th</sup> June School re opens**

### Named clothes

Thank you to all parents who have named their children's clothing. We still have an incredible amount of jumpers & cardigans without names. This makes it very hard for children to find their own clothes & for us to help them. Please, please, please can you double check that all clothing is named. We are also starting to build up a collection of hats!!

**WOW!**

## Star Book



This half term our Star Book will be **Jaspers Beanstalk** by Nick Butterworth. Try reading this book with your child at home or follow the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4OlrJWXfjs>

## Classroom Rules

To make sure all the children in preschool can do their best learning, stay safe and have fun we created some class room rules together

Use Kind hands

Walk inside

Look after the toys

Use a quiet voice

You could talk about these rules at home

## Ten Town

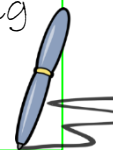
We will now spend some time focussing on the conservation of number, that 3 is always 3 no matter how it is presented e.g. numeral 3, 3 bricks, 3 buttons, the letters for three or 3 Billy Goats Gruff. We will also be looking at how a total amount stays the same even when it has been rearranged.

Don't forget you can use the Ten Town website to help your practise numbers already learnt.

<https://tentown.co.uk/>

## Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle

*Squiggle is now on paper! Each week we have been working on making a different mark. Keep a look out for which mark we are making and help your child with this.*



## Phonics

*In phonics we will be focussing on alliteration and the different sounds we can hear within words. This will help your child to develop an understanding that words are made up of different sounds. Below are a couple of game ideas you could try at home to support with this.*

### **Letter Hunt**

Go on a letter sound hunt and find things that begin with the same letter. Can you find 3 things beginning with it? What other letters could you choose.

### **Robot talking games (blend and segmenting)**

Try breaking down simple words when you are giving instructions or asking questions, such as

“Can you find your h-a-t (hat)?” “Where is the c-a-t (cat)?”

Find real objects around your home and practise ‘sound talk’. First just let them listen, then see if they will join in, for example, saying: “I spy a p-e-g – peg.” “I spy a c-u-p – cup.”

## Outdoors

**The lighter days and warmer weather is starting to arrive. Hooray!! Please ensure your child still brings a coat each day or a waterproof that can be left at preschool as the weather is very changeable.**

**As it continues to get warmer your child will need a sun hat and will need to apply some sun cream before they come to Caterpillars. If they are in session all day they will need some named sun cream in school. There is limited shade in some of our outdoor spaces so without a hat we will have to limit the time they spend in the outside space to keep them safe.**

