

Sunshine Activity Ideas 4th May '20

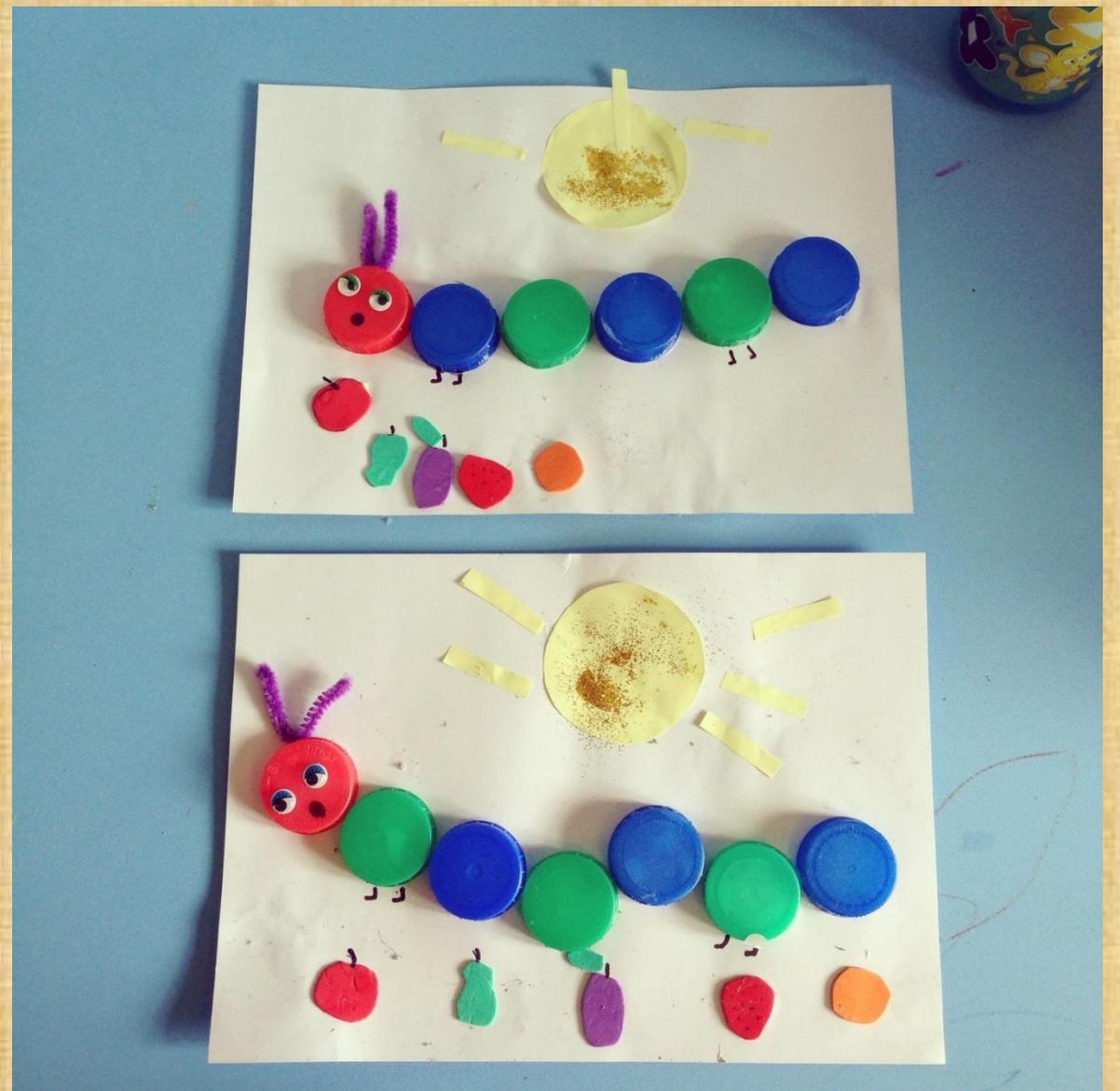
Hi all, as this is our last week of our life-cycles and mini beasts theme, I thought it would be nice to focus on the popular story.. 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'..

I imagine some parents will already have it at home, but it is also available as an eBook or as an animated version on YouTube, so hopefully everyone will be able to read it in some form if they want to..

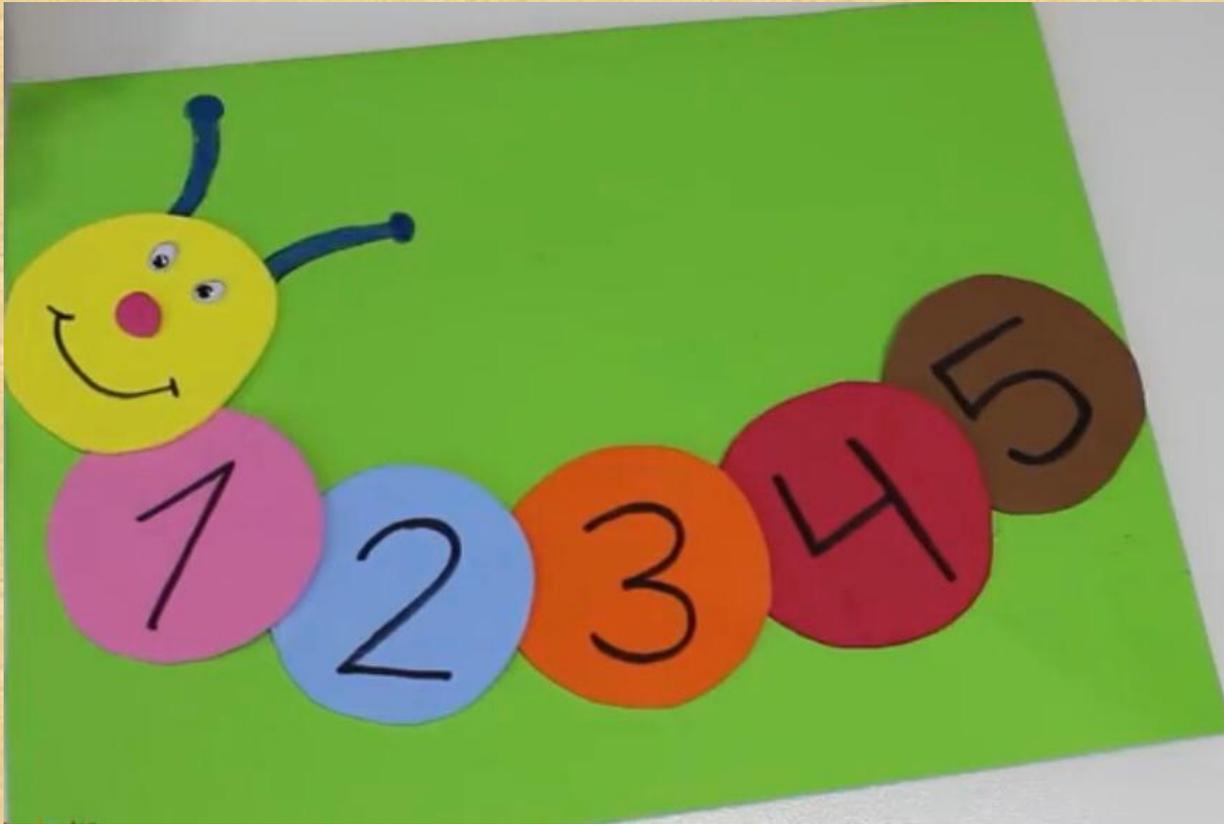
Ideas have been pouring in from staff this week..so we hope you find something to try, and enjoy!



Paperchain caterpillars from Janet..



And you could use up your old milk carton tops..!



Number caterpillar from Caterine..



..and a clever use of your potato masher from Senay!

Caterpillar Buns!

- 500 g pack crusty white bread mix
- 1 tbsp olive oil, plus extra for greasing
- 1 tbsp plain flour, for dusting
- 1 medium free-range egg, beaten
- 4 pitted black olives, sliced into thin rounds

1. Tip the bread mix into a large bowl.

Add the oil and rub in with your fingertips, then quickly stir in 340ml warm water, until it comes together to a sticky dough.

Tip the dough onto a floured surface and knead for 10-15 minutes, until smooth and elastic – it should spring back to the touch.

2. Grease a large bowl with the extra olive oil. Put the dough in the bowl, cover with cling film and leave in a warm, dry place until it has doubled in size – about 1 hour.

3. Knock the air out of the dough and knead briefly. Divide the dough into 8 pieces and cover with a clean tea towel. Take one portion at a time and divide into 5 pieces of graduating size. Roll the pieces into balls.

4. Line a baking tray with baking parchment, then place the balls in a line, in descending size order, so they are just touching each other (bend in a slight 'c' shape to form a caterpillar shape). Repeat with the remaining dough pieces.

5. Brush the caterpillar buns all over with some of the beaten egg, make cuts for mouths, then press on the olive slices for eyes. Leave to rise for a second time – about 30 minutes. Brush all over again with the remaining beaten egg.

6. While the caterpillars are rising, preheat the oven to 200°C, fan 180°C, gas 6. Bake the caterpillars for 30 minutes, until golden and they sound hollow when tapped.



Caterine's fruits animals... and you can think of your own animals to try!

Things that you will need for a BUTTERFLY are:

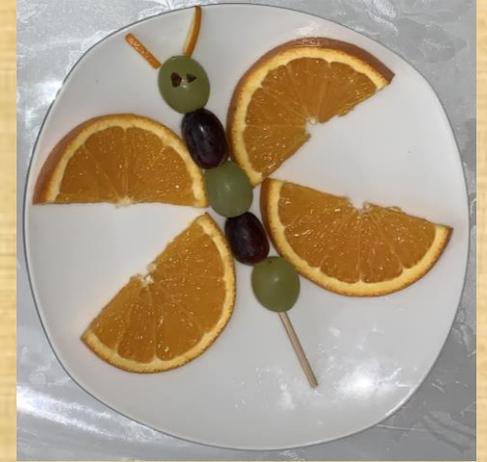
- *Grapes
- *Raisins
- *Orange
- *Orange skin
- *Wooden sticks.

Method:

The first step is to put the wooden stick through the grapes to make the body.

The next step is to cut the orange in slices and then cut those slices in half to create the wings.

Next you need to cut some of the orange skin to make the antennae, and the butterfly is ready.



Now we are going to do a SNAKE

We will use

- *Kiwi
- *Raisins
- *Orange skin.

The first step is to peel the kiwi and then wash it to remove any of the skin.

Then you cut the kiwi in slices and cut those in half, so you can arrange them on the plate to make the body

The final step is to cut raisins to make the eyes and the oranges skin to make the tongue, and the kiwi snake is ready to eat.



Now for the CRAB we will be using :

INGREDIENTS

*Apple

*Raisins

Method

The first step is to cut the apple in half and set one half to the side for later

The next step is to use one half and slice it into pieces which you then cut in half again to make the legs, two of the slices you need to cut in zig zags so they can be the crab's claws.

The final step is to cut the raisins to make the eyes and with the knife poke out holes for where the eyes are it to put the eyes in, all that's left to do is arrange it. enjoy



For the OWL

INGREDIENTS

*Apple

*Orange skin (just for decoration)

Method:

The first step is to cut the apple in half and put one half to one side

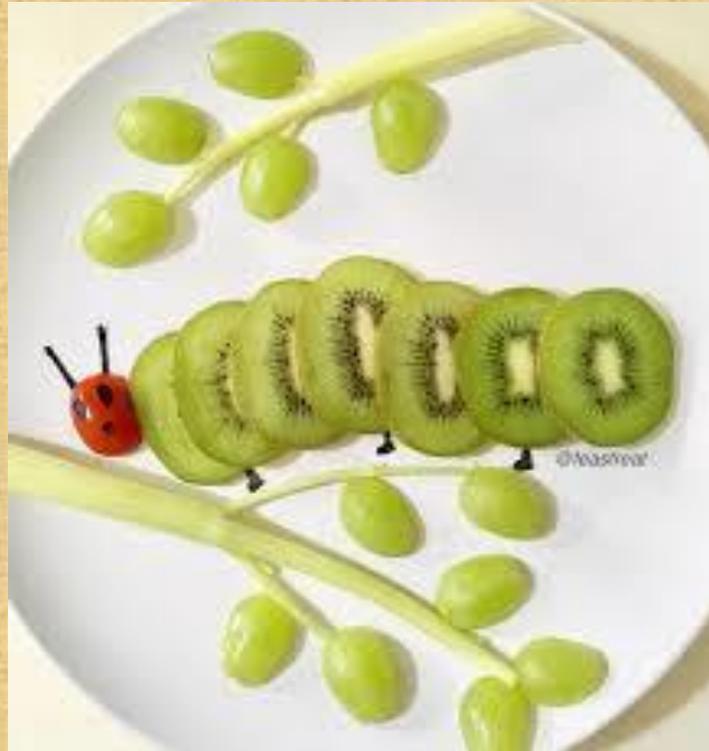
The next step is to make 3 slices and then cut them in half to make the wings

Now we must cut orange skin in 3 triangles and 2 rectangles to make the nose, ears and feet

Finally we cut the banana in 2 slices and cut one raisins in half to make the eyes , it looks nice and tasty.



Also check out Catherine's 'caterpillar craft' video on our YouTube channel if you haven't already!



Fruity caterpillars from Majella..

<https://images.app.goo.gl/5f9maNvW69GAEdpb8>



Finger puppets from Senay..



..and 'feed the caterpillar' game from Aurkene. If you don't have balls at home..maybe try some rolled up socks? Try counting the 'fruits' as you put them in, could be just a bucket or waste paper bin with a face attached..!

For the very creative..Caterine has found this beautiful paper plate caterpillar collage..with added fruits, foods and days of the week!



And from Maureen a great idea for pattern and sequencing..you could draw and colour the circles in different patterns to follow, and use scrunched up paper if you don't have pompoms..or peas and cherry tomatoes!!



A few more craft ideas..and also to finish a lovely Rainbow craft activity from Natalie..the writing is small but I'm sure you could find the website page if it's easier..have a good week!

Supplies:

- Strips of coloured paper (approx 2cm x 15cm)
- To create this rainbow I used 10 x blue, 9 x each of green and purple, 8 x each of orange and pink, 7 x each of red and yellow
- A4 card or paper
- Glue
- Marker pen
- Scissors
- A piece of string or wool

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- Glue one end of the strip of paper and stick to the other end of the strip to make a circle.
- Weave the next strip of paper through the first. Glue one end and stick to the other end to create another circle. Continue with the other strips to make a chain.

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- Continue with each colour until you have 7 paperchains of differing colours and lengths.

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- On your piece of paper or card draw a cloud and a smiley face with a marker.
- Carefully cut out your cloud (you might need an adult to help with this).

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- Carefully punch a hole in the top of your cloud with a pencil (you might need an adult to help with this).
- Thread your string or wool through the hole and tie a knot at the top.

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- Glue each paper chain to the back of the cloud.
- To get the same effect glue the longest chain in the middle and work your way outwards ending with the shortest 2 chains on the outside.

Finally....

- Hang your fabulous creation in your window to bring a smile to passersby.

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