



WINHILLS

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Newsletter

Busy learning-The Hungry Caterpillar

After reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle the children used the role play kitchen to make up the plates of food he ate on each day of the week. We talked about healthy options and how to keep our bodies working at their best. The children have learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly and went on a search with their magnifying glasses to look for a tiny egg on a leaf; all we found were some large holes which we think were a tasty treat for some cabbage white caterpillars. We have some painted lady caterpillars at school that we will watch turn into butterflies. The search obviously took us to the pond in the spinney where the children have been examining the pond water and making friends with this years frogs. They have found pond lice, water fleas, blood worms and our favourite the pond leech. The children in Topaz class took a trip to Paxton Pits to perfect their bug hunting skills. Since then the enormous ground beetles have been out and the children have asked lots of interesting questions about them. They have thought about the ways that they are both similar and different to the other creatures we have under the logs.

Mathematics

The children have been exploring pattern. They started by exploring repeating patterns with beads and thread, making symmetrical patterns on butterflies with splat painting and finished by looking for patterns in numbers. Making the numbers to five using different pieces of numicon and then using different coloured cubes. They have continued to compare quantities by talking about who found the most and least on their latest bug hunt and which food the caterpillar ate the most of. The Reception children have been learning their doubles facts to five. They are beginning to recall these facts really quickly and can find the answer on the number fan in seconds. They have also been practicing their number formation as the numeral two and five are a bit tricky.

English

The children have been using obstacle courses outside to build their core strength. They have practiced drawing caterpillars made up of circles to help with their letter formation. They have been playing bat and ball to develop their hand-eye coordination. This has all come in really useful when the Reception children have had longer writing challenges to do. They had to write their own version of the hungry caterpillar which took a lot of great vocabulary and sounding out. We have all been describing the foods we eat. It is not "an apple" it is a "red, sweet apple". The children in Topaz have been sorting fiction and information books so as we can find the answers to our questions much more quickly. They have learnt to look for the index or the contents and then just read the page that they need.

Reminders

Please remember to send your child in with a water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream already applied. It really does help them to make the most of their day.

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