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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks for all the exciting mini beast facts that your child found out for their homework. We have shared these and started finding out about jobs that the mini beasts do and why we need to look after them. On Monday we found a pot of caterpillars in our classroom and decided to find out about the life cycle of a caterpillar. The caterpillars have been eating and eating and have already grown in size. We will now wait to see what happens next. In line with life cycles, Vauxhall City Farm came to visit us on Wednesday and brought us some eggs which we will be looking after until they hatch and grow big enough to join the chickens in the Nature Garden.

This week's spellings are: **like because**

We have been learning these letters and sounds:

Rainbow: Children have been learning the clusters /f/ /st/ /pr/ and reading and writing extended sentences using these. They have also been practicing when to use the /f/ and the /th/ sound.

Sunshine: Children have been learning the phase 4 clusters /st/ /fl/ /mp/ /nd/ and reading and writing sentences using these and the phase 3 sounds.

Moonbeam: Children have been practising the sound /or/ /ur/ and reading and writing captions and sentences using the phase 2 and 3 sounds.

In Literacy this week we have been immersing ourselves in The Hungry Caterpillar story. We are learning to retell the story and help us remember it we acted out the story, thought of adjectives to describe the caterpillar and made a story map. We will use this story map to help us retell the story until we know it off by heart.

In Mathematics, like last week, we have been revising methods for working out number problems but this time related to addition and subtraction. We have also been looking at patterns. We have looked at patterns on mini beasts such as ladybirds, bees and butterflies and describing the patterns. We have created our own repeating patterns using shapes on necklaces and different colours of paint to print caterpillars.

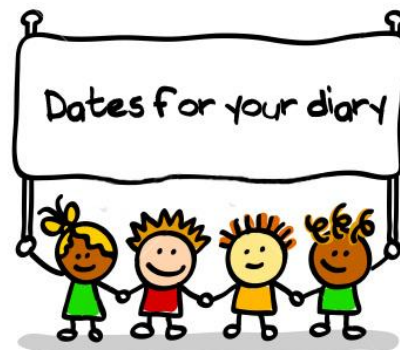
Homework

The hungry caterpillar was so hungry he ate some numbers from the number line. Can your child fill in the numbers the caterpillar has eaten? Encourage your child to think of which numbers are more or less than other numbers and you can extend this activity by getting them to play 'Play Your Cards Right' by mixing up a selection of numbers cards, then taking it in turns to choose one and guess if the next card you choose is going to be more or less than the previous one.

Lastly, a quick note about the outside area; our Early Years team spend a lot of time setting up the wonderful outdoor activities in the morning, and we would be very grateful if you ensured your children do not use them before the school day starts. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Many thanks

The Early Years Team



Wednesday 10th May: Sunshine and Moonbeam

Thursday 11th May: Rainbow

Horniman Museum - Minibeast Workshop

Wednesday 5th July (all day)

Godstone Farm, Surrey - Early Years Annual Farm Outing

Friday 26th May 9.45-10.45am and 1.30-2.30pm

Celebration Day