

Term 5

KEY DATES

Monday, 6th May

Bank Holiday: no
school

Friday, 17th May

Battersea Park
Zoo trip

Wednesday, 22nd

May

EYFS open class
9am-5

Friday, 24th May

Last day of term

Tuesday, 16th July

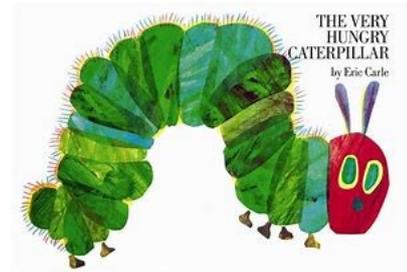
Royal Mews trip

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a lovely spring break. We have been so impressed with the children's exemplary behaviour on return to school. This is a very busy term, as we work towards our end of year targets, so please support as much as possible at home. Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to be a parent helper for our upcoming trips, please speak to your class teacher. We really appreciate this invaluable support.

English

At this stage of the year, the expectation is that children are confidently reading simple sentences, using their phonic knowledge, recognition of familiar words and the pictures for support. Likewise, in writing, the expectation is that children write simple sentences with words that match their spoken sounds. The words do not need to be spelt perfectly, but the sounds should make sense. This is a big focus for us in school and it should be at home.

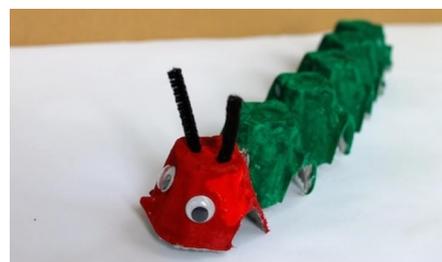
This term we are going to be exploring animal stories and our focus text is *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Children will learn this story with actions by memory. This story will be a focus of our assembly at the beginning of July!



Activities at home:

- Please support your child to practise for our weekly spelling test which will be held each Friday. We will send home new words on Friday to be learnt for the following week .
- We are going to be focusing on making up our own stories this term, so please support your child to do so. They can write their story or create a story map through drawings.
- When reading with your child, please ask comprehension questions. There are some recommended ones in the back of most Oxford Tree books that we send home. Children should be able to retell the story once they have read it.

We are going to be making caterpillars using egg cartons. Please donate any from home for us to use. Larger egg cartons, for a dozen eggs, are ideal, but any will do!



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REMINDERS

Warm weather

- Socks not tights
- Shorts not trousers
- Sun cream applied before school. Children may apply this themselves in school time.
- Sun hat

Maths

This term our Maths Mastery units are:

- Counting to 20 and knowing one fewer and one more within these numbers
- Halving and doubling
- Shapes and pattern

Doubling and halving are something we do in everyday life, particularly when it comes to food. Encourage your child to practise these skills in the kitchen, or when shopping for groceries.

Key Vocabulary: bead string, sharing, equal, group, a group of ten, double, half, part-whole model, vertex, side, corner, sort.

Activities at home:

- Recognition of numbers beyond 10
- Practicing addition and subtraction and knowing the difference between the two
- Finding one more and one fewer within 20
- Looking for shapes in the environment
- Playing on Mathletics is a great way to support learning, too. Your child should have their own username and password from school.

PE

Our PE lessons are every Wednesday and Thursday and this term our focus is relay races and partner and team games ahead of Sports Day. Please continue to support your child's gross motor development: going to the park is a great opportunity for this!

History

We will be learning about British monarchs, past and present, and the significance of crowns.

Key vocabulary: crown, jewels, king, queen, past, present, William the Conqueror, Henry VIII, Elizabeth II.

Science

We will be learning about animals and their habitats. We are focusing on offspring, the butterfly life cycle and the frog life cycle. We are going to have caterpillars in our classroom and will be able to watch their development to butterfly.

Key vocabulary: life cycle, habitat, young, offspring, calf, duckling, piglet, kid, gosling, lamb, foal, owl, cub.

