



# Weekly Update



## Weekly update 8<sup>th</sup> June to 12<sup>th</sup> June

This week, the children have continued to observe our caterpillars with great interest as they move through their fascinating lifecycle. The children have been encouraged to use their observational skills to look closely at the caterpillars, paying attention to details such as their size, shape, colour and movement. Using these observations, they have created drawings of the caterpillars at different stages of their lifecycle, carefully representing the features they noticed. Through these experiences, the children are developing their curiosity about the natural world and learning that living things change and grow over time.

During our group time we have been nurturing a love of stories and imaginative play by enjoying the story of *The Three Little Pigs*. The children have become increasingly familiar with the story and have been developing their storytelling skills by retelling it using props, small world resources and role play. They have enthusiastically taken on the roles of the different characters, acting out events from the story and exploring how each character might think and feel. Through adopting different personas and points of view, the children have been building their language and communication skills, using new vocabulary and recalling key events in sequence. Storytelling experiences such as these help to develop children's confidence in speaking, listening and expressing their own ideas.

As part of our learning about caring for the environment, the children have also been exploring composting. They shared their existing knowledge about what can and cannot be composted and discussed why composting is important. After watching a programme about composting, the children talked about how food and garden waste can be recycled naturally to help plants grow. Experiences such as these help children to develop an awareness of sustainability and encourage them to care for the world around them.

### Focus Words:

Numicon  
Story-Map  
Reptiles  
Chrysalis

## Week beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>

We will continue our work on *The Three Little Pigs* by mapping the sequence of the story and drawing their story maps. This supports learning about the storytelling and writing structure.

On Friday, Basil and crew will be returning with reptiles. Children will have the opportunity to interact with different reptiles and engage in discussions about their species and habitats.

### At home...

Go on a walk outside and see how many butterflies you can see, notice and comment on their colours and sizes.

Talk about ways in which you recycle at home and encourage children to join you while sorting out what is recyclable and what is not.