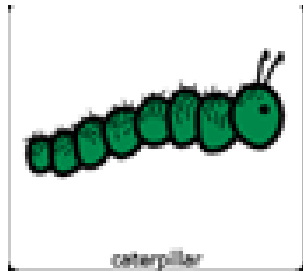


## Class: Caterpillar

Team: Emily, Claire and Lisa



We ask for £10 contribution each half term for healthy snacks and ingredients which are integral to our important communication work. All donations to class fund are greatly appreciated.



### Communication & Language

We will be spending time building positive relationships with all the children in Caterpillar Class, learning about each other and our new peers. We will trial different communication and language strategies and spend time observing the children as they settle in to their new classroom.

We will be using a total communication approach during all our sessions which will include signalong, PODD, snap and core, PECs and intensive interaction. The main focus for our attention games session this term will be autumn and winter. We will encourage the children to attend for short periods of time during our what's in the bag session.

Songs we will be singing: Head, shoulders, knees and toes, one little finger, tommy thumb., happy and you know it.

Key vocabulary: Names of body parts—Head, shoulders, knees, toes, mouth, eyes, ears.

### Literacy

We will be introducing reading for pleasure sessions, which will be delivered every day where the children will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of different texts e.g fiction, non-fiction, tactile and topic books, both individually and alongside their peers.

Our sensory stories this half term will be 'ten little fingers and ten little toes' and 'the bear hunt'.

Autumn 2: Our sensory story this half term will be 'my pet star'. We will explore sensory props linked to the story and enjoy a space themed sensory room. We will also be practising our Christmas performance!

### Physical Development

Our PE focus this term will be games, this half term we will be exploring ball games lots of throwing, catching, rolling and kicking different balls. .

We will be doing lots of dough disco and write dance sessions to help with our fine motor skills.

Autumn 1: During snack sessions and sensory cooking we will be tasting and exploring different breads e.g. bread sticks, white/brown bread with fillings, croissants, brioche etc and then introducing a range of fillings and spreads.

Autumn 2: During snack sessions and sensory cooking we will be tasting and exploring a range of different fruits and vegetables and creating fruit salads and kebabs.

## PSED:

We will be spending the first half term building positive relationships with the children and getting to know their interests, strengths, motivators and areas for development.

Our main focus for the first half term will be extending the children's knowledge and experiences, encouraging the children to explore new environments and activities, to become more familiar with the adult's in the room and to play alongside their new peers.

We are keen to work closely with parents so please email photographs of things that you have done at the weekend or over the holidays and send us regular updates about things that your child likes to do at home or any new skills that they have acquired.

## Mathematics



Autumn 1: Our main focus for the first half term will be number. We will be singing lots of number songs and rhymes including 5 little ducks, 5 green speckled frogs, 5 little monkey's, using lots of props and PODD mats to help our understanding. We will also explore lots of number activities during continuous provision eg puzzles, bricks, and cause and effect toys.

Autumn 2: : Our main focus this half term will be size. We will be exploring, sorting and ordering items according to size and handling big and small objects. We will be exploring the story Goldilocks and the 3 bears.

## Understanding the World



Autumn 1: we are focusing on families this half term, It would also be great if you could email some photos of the children and their family so we can make little books for the children to look through and create a 'me and my Family' display within the classroom.

Autumn 2: We will be focusing on space and my planet. We will be using the sensory room to try to create an outer space experience for the children.

## Expressive Arts & Design

Autumn 1: We will be exploring lots of media and materials linked to Autumn e.g pine cones, leaves and conkers and creating art with our bodies using paint.

We will be practicing our role play skills in our kitchen home corner and with a variety of small world toys.

During our music sessions we will be experimenting with lots of different instruments investigating how they sound.

Autumn 2: we will be exploring our space themed role play area.

We will also be exploring media and materials linked to winter eg ice, pretend snow and pine. During this half term we will be practicing for exciting Christmas performance.

## Home Learning/Equipment needed

We will be accessing our fantastic outdoor area every day so please ensure your child has a sun hat and a labelled bottle of sun cream in their bag along with a set of spare clothes in case they get wet during water play. As the weather gets colder your child will need wellies, a puddle-suit, hat and gloves etc (if they will tolerate wearing them).

Our splash sessions will be every Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Don't forget to send in a full swim kit including a swim nappy, costume and towel in a waterproof bag. We will send the kit home once it has been used.

## Key Dates:

13th September: meet the team

October: Black history month

10th October: world mental health day

Half Term- 19th October-30th October

1st November: Parents evening

3rd and 6th November: school photographs

w/b November 13th: maths week

10th December: Human rights day

7th December Christmas jumper day

13th December EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance

18th December Christmas party day

21st Dec– 2pm finish– Christmas break.