

THEME: The Very Hungry Caterpillar

This Programme brings this very popular story to life with themed games, crafts and activities!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a ‘joining-in’ style game, such as ‘The farmer wants a wife’ or a circle format ball game.

Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<p>GAME: Crawling Caterpillar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Divide the Drey into small teams and position at one end of the hall, give each team a coloured caterpillar head – a circle about 8cm diameter with antennae and eyes!</i> ○ <i>Scatter the coloured circles across the other end of the hall, have enough so Squirrels can run twice</i> ○ <i>In turn a child runs up collects a coloured circle to match their ‘head’ and back again and so on</i> ○ <i>When all the circles have been collected the teams can make up their really long caterpillars!</i> 	One set of coloured circles plus a caterpillar head per team
10	<p>STORY: The Very Hungry Caterpillar</p> <p>Read the delightful story, ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ by Eric Carle published by Puffin ISBN 978 0 14056 932 2</p>	Story book
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Action Relay Story</p> <p>Pictures relating to this story are available to download and print at www.dltk-teach.com/books/hungrycaterpillar/sequencing.htm</p> <p>These could be enlarged, cut out individually and even laminated! These can be divided out among the Squirrels and as the story is retold (ad lib) the children can place the pictures onto the appropriate sheets. These sheets can be attached to the wall and the pictures can be blutacked to them!</p>	Printed pictures from story Sheets of coloured paper for each stage of the story
10	<p>CRAFT: Bright Butterflies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Give each Squirrel a card butterfly shape and invite them to decorate it as they wish with crayons, pens, pencils or collage materials. Coloured tissue paper makes lovely patterns and different textures can be added with bits of wrapping paper, fabric and ribbon ○ Attach small pieces of pipe cleaners for antennae ○ A furry body could be added by sticking on small brown or black pompoms between the wings ○ Add a straw under the body so the butterfly can fly! 	Simple butterfly card shapes Art materials Collage materials & glue Bendy drinking straw Selotape



10	GAME: Busy Caterpillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels pretend to be caterpillars and mime the actions a Leader calls out</i> ○ <i>These can include – crawling, eat leaves, go to sleep, hide from a bird, become a butterfly!</i> 	None
5	Closing, Home	

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