

# Reception Class Newsletter

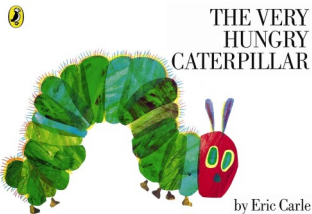


Friday 10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

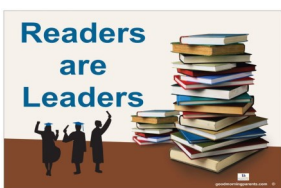


We are having lots of fun learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We have been observing our caterpillars as they transform into chrysalises. You can follow their journey on our class twitter page [@stannestanleyf2](#)



Following the children's interest in our caterpillars, we have read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. We discussed the different fruits that the caterpillar ate as he journeyed through the week. We decided to try these fruits over the course of this term. Instead of sharing hot chocolate with our reading buddies, we will be making smoothies from different fruits every

Friday. Don't forget to let your child choose a soft toy to bring to school on Fridays. They really enjoy reading a story with their teddy. One RB parent sets a reminder on their phone every Friday morning, a handy tip for busy parents and carers!



Enjoying smoothies and cuddles with our favourite teddies whilst sharing a book promotes reading for pleasure. Research shows that the impact of reading for pleasure is four times more powerful on progress in vocabulary, mathematics, and spelling at age 16, than that of socioeconomic status. Children who read for pleasure are more likely to be happier, healthier, and experience better mental wellbeing and self-esteem.



In celebration of Mental Health Awareness Week, we are inviting your child to wear green on Thursday 16th May. Your child can wear their own clothes with the colour green where possible. The green ribbon is the international symbol of mental health awareness, so by going green for the day, we are opening up conversations about mental health.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bell and Miss Murphy