

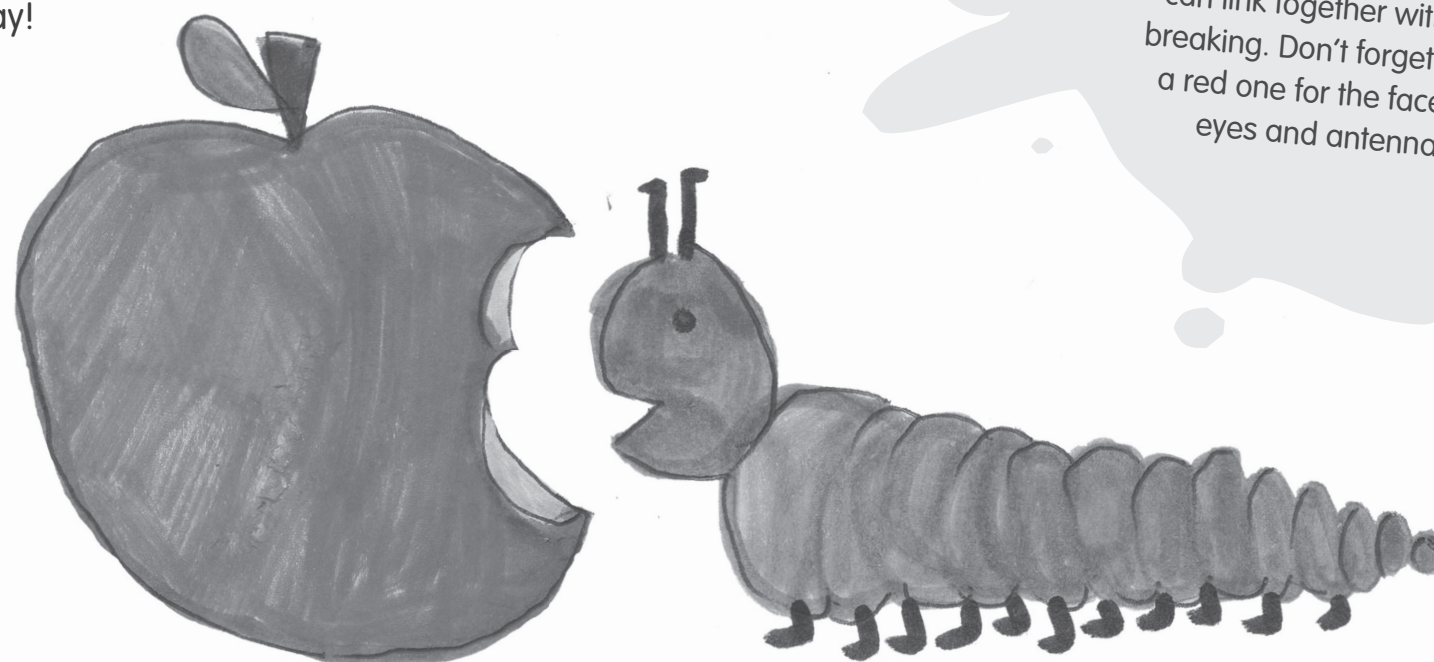
HUNGRY LITTLE CATERPILLAR

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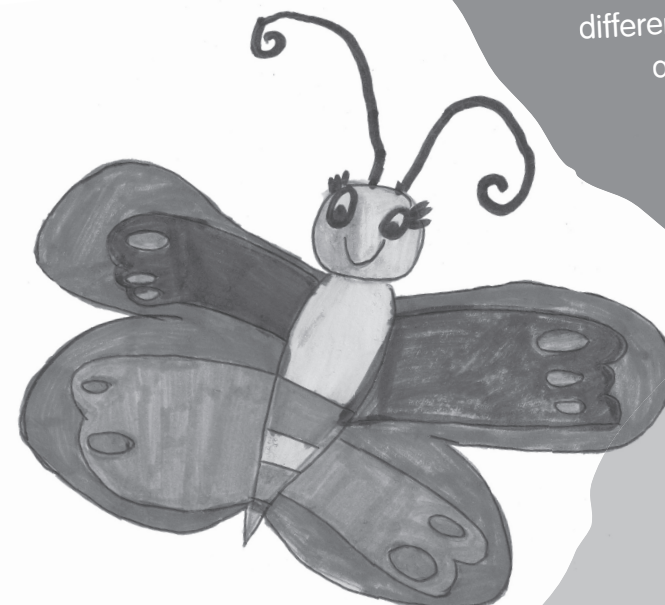
1. Hungry little caterpillar
Hatching from an egg,
Wriggling and squiggling
On lots of little legs.
Greedy little caterpillar
Nibbling all day,
Growing plump and ready for
the change that's on its way.

(Slower)

2. Sleepy little caterpillar,
Spin a silken thread,
Wrap it round to keep you safe,
It's time to go to bed.
(Much faster)
Wake up little caterpillar,
What a happy day,
Now you are a butterfly
So you can fly away!
Fly away, fly away, fly away, fly away!



A fantastic song to use as an introduction to the life cycle of a butterfly and perfect for use in Music and Movement. Act out all the different stages of the life cycle as the song is sung.



As a class make a giant green leaf and then have fun creating some pom-pom-paint caterpillars to stick on to the leaf. Take three pom-poms and dip one into dark green paint, one into light green and one into red. Make a caterpillar body by printing alternate green pom-pom shapes on to paper, slightly higher and lower than each other. Then add a red shape to the front for the head and stick on googly eyes and black pipe-cleaner antennae. A big open mouth would be a great addition as you stick him on to the leaf.

Alternatively, stick your caterpillar on to a piece of card and cut four finger-sized holes into the caterpillar's body. Get the children to stick their fingers through and 'walk' their caterpillar across the table!

Can you make a really long paper-chain caterpillar as a class? Have fun seeing how many green paper chains you can link together without it breaking. Don't forget to add a red one for the face, with eyes and antennae.

Draw a long diamond shape on to a paper plate from the top to the bottom and cut it out so that you end up with two separate sections identical in shape – and there you have four butterfly wings. Talk about symmetry and encourage the children to colour their wings in a symmetrical way, making sure that whatever they draw on one part of the wing, they draw on the opposite wing. Be as bold and bright and colourful as possible. Now attach the wings to a long piece of black card, add some antennae and fly around with your beautiful butterfly!