

A big Nello to our Year R families, we hope you have had a wonderful week.



The children are thoroughly enjoying our topic for the term, It's a Bugs life, and we have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather and exploring our garden in the sunshine. The children have already spent much time outside, observing nature in our garden, hunting for minibeasts and enjoying time investigating with their peers.

For the past few weeks, we have been focusing on the lifecycle of the butterfly. To support this, after the half term, each class will receive a pot of caterpillars, allowing the children to watch the stages of growth of these beautiful creatures. We are excited to meet them after the half-term break!

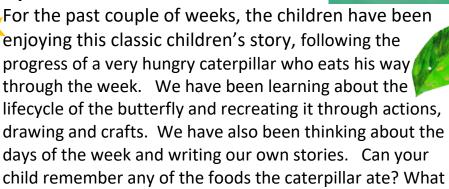
#### Maths:



We have been looking at sharing and and thinking about sharing fairly. We have learnt that sharing fairly means everyone has an equal (the same) amount. We have also looked at grouping, placing objects into groups of a certain amount. We have been doing this practically with materials from our garden, objects in the class and even by making food items from playdoh! Can you ask your child to sort objects equally into two or more groups? You could use small world toys, crayons or food items like grapes. How many are in each group and are they equal?

### Book of the Week:

# The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle



would they eat if they were the hungry caterpillar?



Dig day
A big thank you to
everyone who helped
out at last Sunday's dig
day! The school grounds
are looking wonderful
and all ready for
summer.



## Baby Photo request

To enhance our topic looking at growth and lifecycles, please can you send **in a baby photo of your child**, with their name on the back. This is for a "Guess the baby" quiz after half term. If you haven't got a physical photo or access to a printer, please feel free to email your photo to <a href="mailto:info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk">info@carlisle.richmond.sch.uk</a> and we will print it out.

### Phonics:

In Phonics, we have continued to review our GPCS (sounds) and have been looking at longer words and compound words. Can you sound and blend to read the words below? Remember to 'chunk it up' if you need to!

farming sprint
sandpit strong
tantrum scrub
rubbish crust
chimpanzee
blossom chapter

Tricky words: what little were says here was sure