



STORY IDEAS USING THE OUTDOORS

Use popular stories as a hook for activities outdoors

Areas of learning

literacy
understanding the world
expressive arts and design

You will need:

- Paper plate butterfly feeder: pre hole-punched and strung paper plate, colouring crayons, mushy banana or sugar water
- natural materials, e.g. leaves, sticks, seeds, stones



Activities inspired by 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle

Natural art caterpillar

Make a natural art caterpillar. This could be done on clear ground or stuck down on card. The leaves that children collect could be in order of shade of colour, size or a challenge of who has the longest caterpillar.

Symmetry butterfly wings

Make half of a butterfly using natural materials, e.g. leaves, twigs or petals. Can children find materials to match the pattern of the butterfly and put them down on the other side?

Make a butterfly feeder to hang outside on a sunny day

Decorate a paper plate or piece of card in the shape of a flower. Make it bright and colourful and put four holes in the card equally spaced around the edge. Put string through each hole and tie it together so that it looks like an upside down parachute.

Put some mushy fruit, e.g. banana or cotton wool soaked in a sugary water solution in the middle of the card and wait for butterflies to arrive.

Record how many butterflies visit each butterfly feeder.

Which colours or food do they prefer?



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