

Inspiring young minds...

### Objective

To encourage the imaginative use of colour and recognition of individual colours and how they can be mixed.

### Resources

Copies of the activity sheet 1.

Paint, felt pens, food colouring, blotting paper or paper towels.

### Preparation

Read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle.

### Early Learning Goals

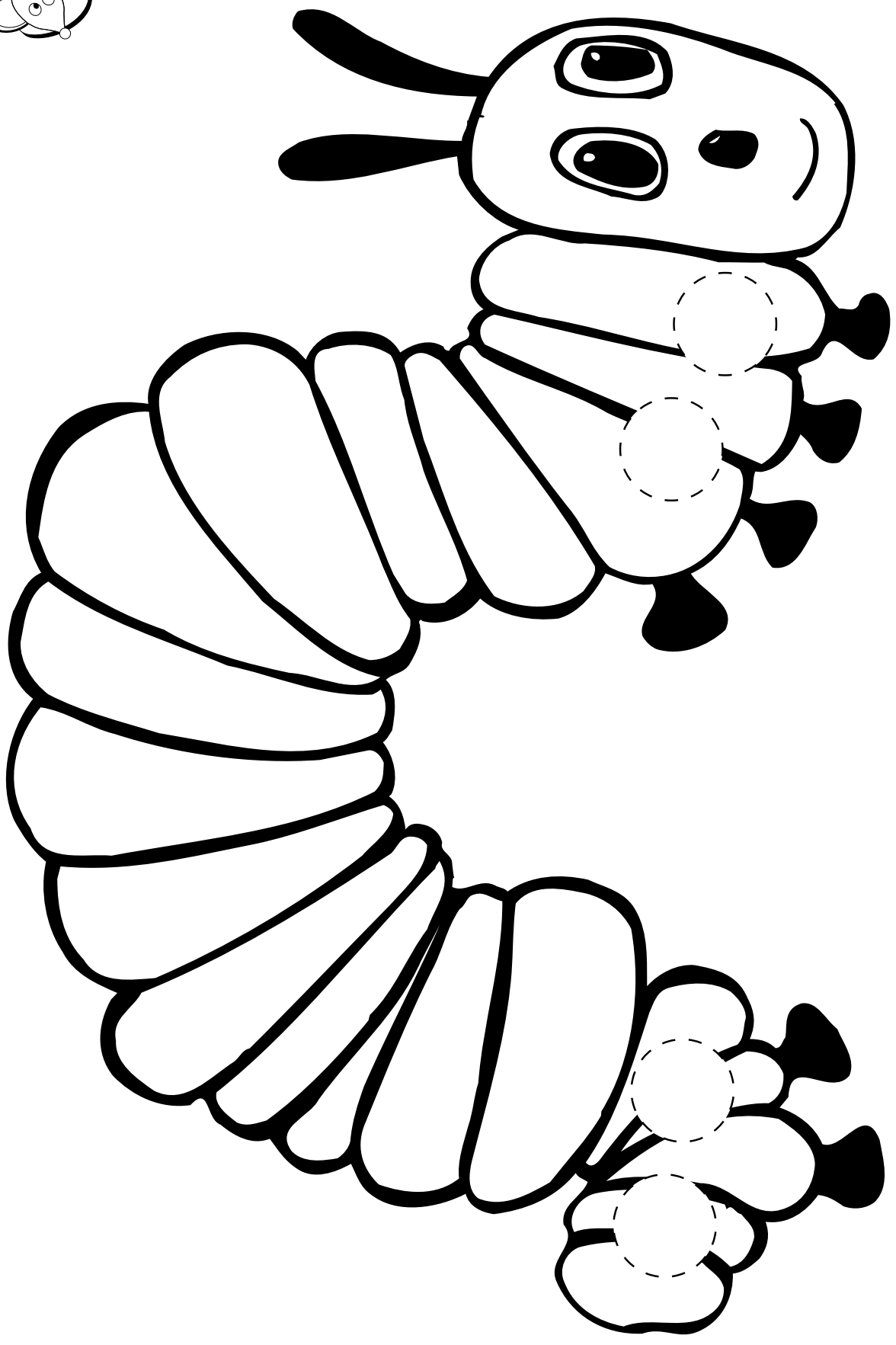
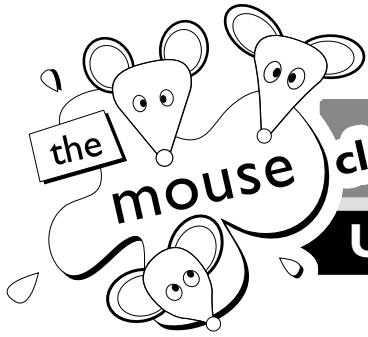
- **Personal, social & emotional development:** Chat with confidence and share ideas in a group. Sit in a circle and pass around a securely fastened clear plastic bag containing red and yellow paint. Watch how the colours mix together.
- **Communication, language & literacy:** Children choose a large coloured felt pen to write their name. Some children may want to make their own list of the different things the caterpillar ate.
- **Mathematical development:** Look at the story again and ask children to find something red, green etc. Make a simple block graph of favourite colours. Count the different colours to see which is the favourite. Match colours when threading a series of beads using two colours e.g. red and yellow alternatively. Use different patterns to stretch the more capable children.
- **Knowledge and understanding of the world:** Discuss how caterpillars move and then grow into butterflies. Look at the different colours of butterflies. Talk about how they move and fly.
- **Physical development:** Shows dexterity and hand - eye control. Bake butterfly cakes and use food colouring to add colour.
- **Creative development:** Fold a sheet of butterfly shaped paper in half. Paint on one side and then fold pressing down the top sheet over the bottom. Unfold the paper. Make finger puppet caterpillars using activity sheet 1. Colour and cut out the caterpillars. Cut out the finger holes and take them for a walk.

### Activity

Make birthday hats using a selection of sticky paper and different textures, cut or torn and glued onto a long sheet of paper. Measure each child's head and sellotape paper together. Sit in a circle and sing Happy Birthday to a child or teddy.

### Links with Home

Collect old cards, cut out different pictures and glue to folded card or paper to make hello cards to send to a friend or a member of the family.



Cut out the holes for fingers