

What can I do with...

... egg cartons?

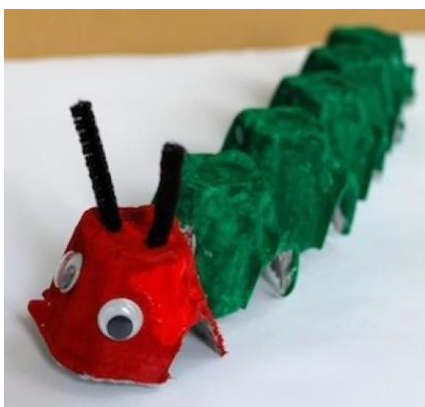


**You will be practising:**

- Literacy: story time ('A very hungry Caterpillar')
- Fine motor skills
- Playing together
- Arts and crafts

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar story:**

- **Make a caterpillar:** cut off a row from an egg carton; colour it together with your child (don't worry if you don't have googly eyes or pipe cleaners - you can draw the eyes and fashion the antennae out of paper).
- **Make a butterfly:** follow this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mIRHtHM8RAE> for instructions;
- **Read the story:** read the story using the props; make sure you read it slowly and let your child explore the art of the book and the props; encourage them to use the props during the story; make crunching sounds for when the caterpillar is eating; if you do not own the book, follow this link with the online animated version:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY&list=PLXftHQbYWxsGCfhrtPZczmFJoITGyuCki>



## Build A Tower

Use small egg boxes with their lids. Paint the boxes different colours. Build a tower with the boxes. Say the rhyme 'I'm going to build a chimney pot very, very high. I'm going to build it up until it reaches the sky.' Play Ready, Steady, Go and knock the tower of boxes down.



Make a boat with a plastic egg carton and make a sail using a small stick and a triangular piece of fabric or paper. Watch it float in the bath, sink or a washing up bowl.



Make a Treasure Box Play 'What' in the box?? What' in the box?? Let's see, let's see what's in the box. Put small interesting objects from around the home in the box eg. Keys, bangles, necklace, photos, fabric



Plant some seeds - grass seed/ cress Fill the egg box with compost and plant your seeds ( cress, grass seed, herbs etc.) When they are ready to plant out put them in a bigger plant pot or place them in the ground. You don't need to take them out of the egg cartons.



Make a mobile



Use a wire coat hanger or stick and thread the painted egg box flowers onto some string or wool. Watch them move in the wind, look at the different colours or reach out to tap and swipe them.

