

ECE NEWSLETTER

TERM 2, 2026

Nau mai, haere mai!

What a great start to Term 1, with Playgroups & Kōhanga exploring what it means to be sun safe. Although I've been unable to visit some of your groups due to running The Incredible Years parenting programme, it has been fabulous seeing photos of the Tamariki making the most of the resource packs provided and hearing how much knowledge they already know about being sun smart - Well done everyone!



Mel Oliver

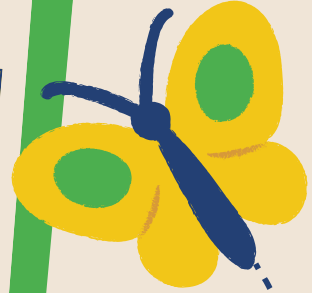
Education Support Coordinator

In Term 2, our focus will be **on Exploration**. To support this, our activities will centre around *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, using the story to explore early maths concepts. We'll share the story alongside games for the tamariki and a simple craft activity for parents.

Keep up the feedback on how you find the sessions and any topics or activities you would like in the future. I look forward to seeing most of you during term 2, either at playgroups or at the "Let's Move it" gym, where I'll be once Incredible Years has finished.

Ka kite anō,

Mel



TERM TOPIC

EXPLORATION



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Hungry Caterpillar Maths



This term, our focus is on maths!
This includes reading “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”, making a pattern, a counting activity and a project for parents.



Play Groups	Day	Date
Woodville Playcentre	Tuesday	Resource pack dropped off
Sprouts	Wednesday	Resource pack dropped off
Building Blocks Dannevirke	Thursday	Resource pack dropped off
Monday @ Ruahine	Monday	Resource pack dropped off
Te Whare Koha Playgroup	Wednesday	Resource pack dropped off
Kumeroa-Hopelands Playgroup	Monday	4 May
Ruahine Playgroup	Tuesday	5 May
Te Kōhanga Reo o Kaitoki	Tuesday	19 May
Te Kōhanga Reo o Atawhai	Tuesday	2 June
Ti Tree Point Playgroup	Wednesday	17 June



TE WHARIKI STRAND



GOAL



LEARNING OUTCOME

Mana Aotūroa
Exploration

Develop working theories for making sense of the natural, social, physical and material world.

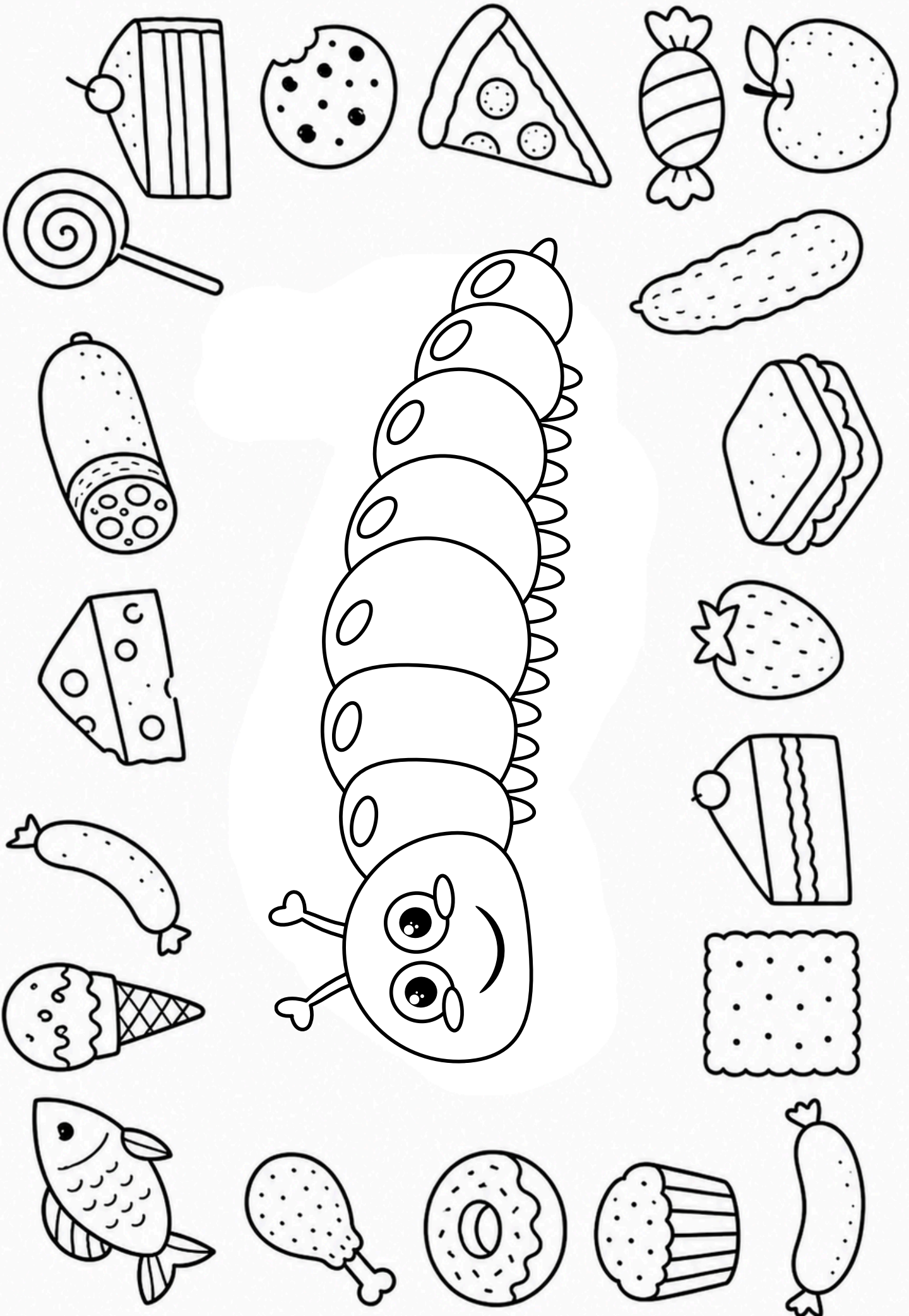
Counting is integral to:
“making sense of their worlds by generating and refining working theories”
Te rangahau me te mātauranga.



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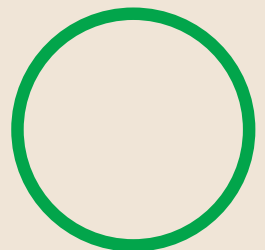
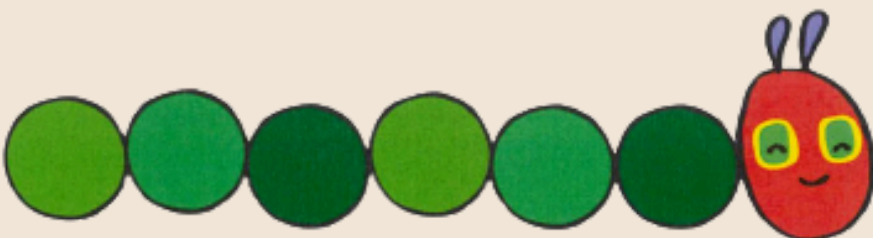
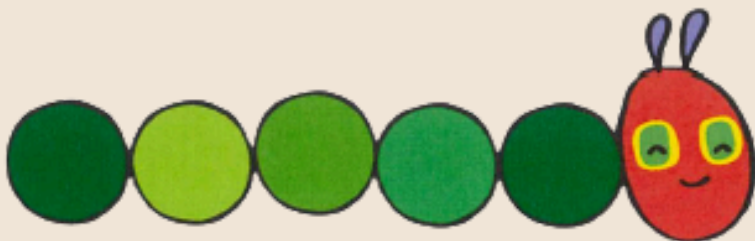
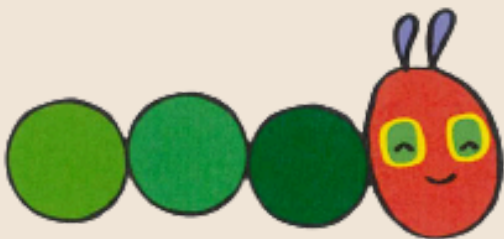
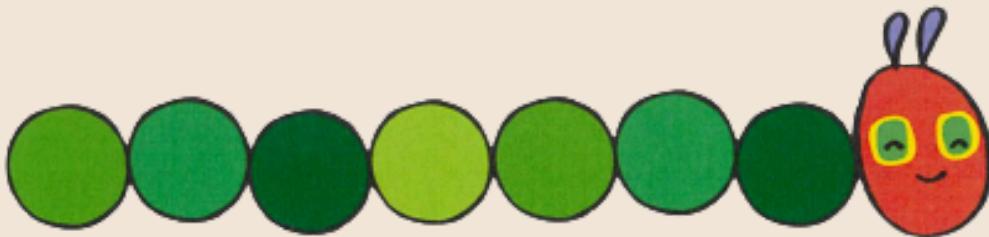
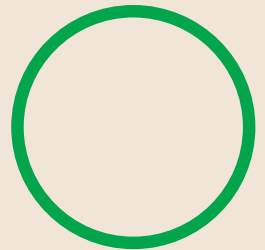
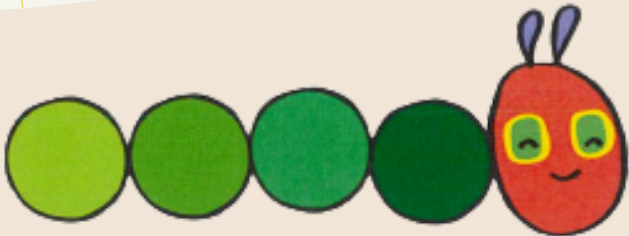
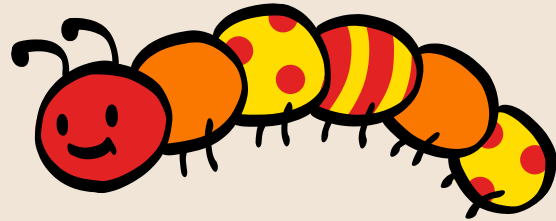


CATERPILLAR COUNTING

ACTIVITY

Can you count how many green pieces the caterpillar has on its body?

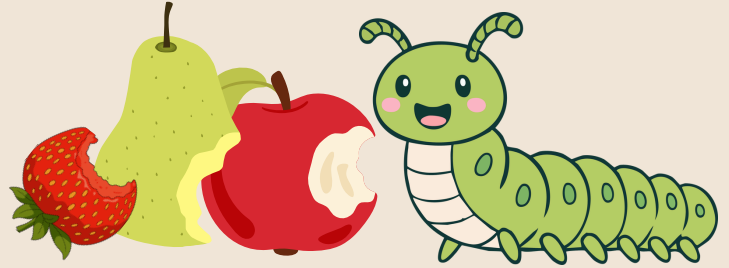
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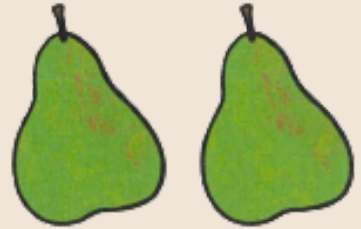
KNOW YOUR NUMBERS

ACTIVITY

Can you draw a line from the number to the correct amount of fruit?



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3



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Strengthening Families

Te Huarahi ki te Whakapiripiri I Ngā Whānau



Strengthening Families works with and for whānau

The Strengthening Families process connects whānau requiring support from more than one agency or community service.

We bring agency representatives and whānau together around one table, ensuring everyone has a clear understanding of the support needed for the whānau to thrive.

OUR APPROACH IS:

- ✓ Voluntary
- ✓ Family friendly
- ✓ Respectful of Tikanga Māori and cultural diversity
- ✓ Focused on connecting families with their community
- ✓ Collaborative, ensuring everyone's voice is heard.

TOP ISSUES FOR OUR WHĀNAU

- Parenting/Child Management
- Parent/Caregiver's or Child's Mental Health
- Child's Physical Health/Disability
- Financial Hardship
- Lack of Support (From Whānau, Community and/or Services)
- Behaviour at School

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LET'S MOVE IT!

Run! **Jump!** **Climb!** **Crawl!** **Tumble!**



9.30 am - 11.00 am



**Weekly on Wednesdays
During Terms 2 & 3**



**Knox Church
185 High Street**



Free

Tea and coffee available. Bring a drink bottle and snack for your child.



**For more information, contact
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WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Designed like a kindy gym, this space is perfect for under-fives to move, climb & explore.

Children can build coordination and balance while safely letting off energy in a fun, supportive environment.

Mel is trained in "Moving Smart", which is based on the PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme™). Moving Smart recognises the importance of children's physical needs to support brain development and readiness to learn.

"I can't wait to meet you and have some energetic fun!"



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FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH
NON-VISIBLE DISABILITIES




Diverse by Design

Evening Sessions


 5.30 pm - 7.00 pm

 First Wednesday of every
month, starting 3 June

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-  Meet other parents
-  Connect with specialists
-  Develop Support Networks

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A space for whānau
to learn, share, and
support each other
in understanding
NEURODIVERSITY.



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