

Hello Bees!

We hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend and VE Day celebrations?



Here is your Activity Menu for this week to go along with Purple Mash and your home learning. We have had some lovely photos and work sent in - it is great to see your minibeast finds, your role play shops and hearing about your achievements like learning to ride your bike without stabilisers! Keep sending updates in ... it really cheers us up whilst we can't see you! We miss you all! With love from the EYFS Team

This week's minibeast of the week is the Ladybird!

Ladybirds are actually beetles which come out of hibernation at this time of year as the weather warms up, so it is a good time to spot them! The most easily recognised one is the red and black 7 spot ladybird but there are over 5000 different types of ladybird in the world!

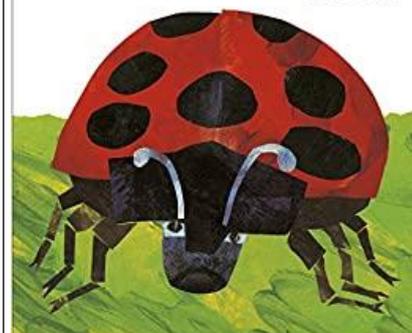
Ladybirds help gardeners because each one can eat up to 5000 aphids (green fly) in its lifetime. Aphids damage plants and make them sticky so gardeners like the fact that ladybirds find them so tasty!

The ladybird has such beautiful patterns to warn predators that they don't taste good. They ooze disgusting juice from their legs to make them taste horrible which is why they are sometimes called 'stinky feet!'.



This week's story!

 The Bad-Tempered Ladybird
Eric Carle



What do you think made the ladybird bad tempered?



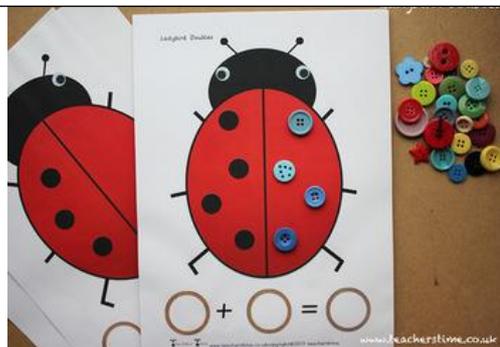
We are revisiting these digraphs and trigraphs this week:

ai, ee, igh, oa, ar

How many words can you think of with these sounds? Can you write them in a list? Can you spot them in your stories? 



Ladybirds are really helpful at teaching us about Doubles and Symmetry



Draw a plain red ladybird with a line down the middle (where the wings meet). Add buttons or similar to make your ladybird's spots symmetrical. Can you write a number sentence to match your ladybird? For example $5 + 5 = 10$

KEEP ACTIVE! Throw the spots at the ladybird! Draw a picture of a ladybird with chalk on the ground. Use beanbags to throw spots at your ladybird!

Can you work out the double? Double: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10?

Our story from the Bible this week is all about Noah and his ark. We are thinking about how Noah was a good friend to God. I think Noah was thinking about doubling because he bought the animals into the ark two by two!



If Noah had 5 types of animal and 2 of each type, how many animals did he have all together?

$$2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = ??$$

Can you work this out for different amounts of animals?



Or maybe if you're feeling hungry you could try baking some biscuits and decorating them?



This week's key words are:

for all get going



Can you spot these words when you are reading, listening to and looking at stories? Can you read them? Can you write them in a sentence?

Salt dough ladybirds

Can you make a family of ladybirds? Salt dough is very easy to make and when it is dry you can paint your ladybirds with symmetrical spots and patterns. Then you can play lots of Maths games with your family of ladybirds!

Salt dough recipe.

2 cups flour

1 cup salt

1 cup cold water



- Mix salt and flour
- Add water a few spoons at a time
- Keep mixing
- Knead
- Keep going for 10 minutes until the dough is smooth
- Let the dough rest for 20 minutes+
- Model your creation
- Leave to air dry for a few days before painting (or if you can't wait that long put it in the oven at 120 degrees C for 3 hours!)

Once you have made your ladybirds or minibeast family, can you make up an adventure for them? Maybe they could travel to different places like the Bad Tempered Ladybird or you could make up a whole new exciting adventure of your own to tell a grown up? Then try writing a sentence (or more) from your story! Don't forget: use your sounds, finger spaces, formation, capital letters and full stops! Try to use exciting words too!



Don't forget to keep creative with your painting and junk modelling too!

And perhaps try potato printing?



How many bees did you spot this week?



