

Early Years (Ladybirds and Dragonflies)

Story of the Week	The Very Lazy Ladybird
Story related activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the uploaded pictures of the ladybirds – how many spots do they have? Can your child find the matching numeral? You could print the additional resource pages from the website or just use hand drawn ladybirds. • Children could paint their own ladybird and add some spots. They could paint the spots or make them out of playdough. • If you are lucky enough to have some pebbles, encourage your child to decorate them to look like ladybirds. Count them, how many do they have? Can they sort them into big and small? • Using potatoes cut in half and dipped in red paint, support your child to print a ladybird pattern. • Draw some spots onto some plastic bottle lids. Can your child sort them into different colours? • Explore a collection of red and black objects or materials. • If you are outside, can you find any real ladybirds? What other minibeasts can be found? • You could make a bug home with your child using sticks, pebbles, leaves and grass. <i>See the Ladybird house and Minibeast palace pdf's for ideas</i>
General Activity Ideas	
Phase 1 Phonics activity	<p>Play a game of Simon Says (or Mummy / Daddy / Says)</p> <p>Can your child watch and copy the action you make?</p> <p>Extra challenge: Play again, but this time do not demonstrate the action, only say the word. Can they listen and do what you are saying?</p> <p>Take turns with your child and let them be the leader too.</p>
Number / shape activity	<p>Go on a number hunt around your home. Which numbers can your child see? Where did they find them? Do the same activity if you are able to go out for a walk. Look at house numbers, vehicle registrations, numbers on signposts etc. If you can, take pictures of the numbers your children notice and send to Katie or Claire. We would love to see them.</p>
Sensory play	<p>Bubble snakes – Watch the <i>video</i> on the home learning web page, of Katie showing you how to make a ‘bubble snake’.</p> <p>The link below demonstrates the Makaton sign for “bubbles”.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ccB9adgW_M</p>
Physical Development (Gross or Fine Motor)	<p>Use a blanket or a sheet and pretend it's a parachute. Sing some action songs (<i>see uploaded parachute song ideas</i>) whilst you and your child lift the ‘parachute’ up and down, or pull it back and forth together.</p>
Creative activity	<p>Watch and listen to these calming songs about colours. We listen to these in school so they are familiar to the children.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0p9P9KQOSk</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwfZvRuE7s8</p>

	Explore colour mixing using whatever materials you have available. E.g paints, coloured water, playdough. You could even add food colouring to mashed potato and let your child mix the colours up with mashers and spoons! What happens if they mix red and yellow / blue and red / yellow and blue? <i>See additional colour mixing poster.</i>
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Activities above in *italics*, have corresponding resources uploaded on the website page.

Additional Documents on website this week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minibeast hunt• Minibeast colouring page• Minibeast scissor practice worksheet• Interactive ladybird spots counting activity• WOW bag video• A web link to one of our favourite songs to listen to in Early Years. Can you sing along and remember all the different ways to say “Hello”?• Playing in the Rain – activity ideas
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