

## Reception home learning week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July - What the Ladybird Heard

Hello! I hope you are all well. Here are some ideas for this week.

We will be reading and learning all about What the Ladybird Heard by Julia Donaldson.

In **personal, social and emotional development** in school, the children will be flicking through all the different emotions each day and talking about how they feel at different points in the day. Please try to use feelings words when reading stories or talk about your emotions and encourage the children to do the same. Ask them how they are feeling throughout the day, can they use a new word to describe it?

In **handwriting** we'll be focusing on the curly caterpillar letters - **q, e, s, f** and writing words containing the letters we have done so far.

In **literacy** we will be reading What the Ladybird heard, learning about speech and thought bubbles. The children will also be making their own puzzles where they will write a sentence about the noise an animal makes e.g. 'The hen says cluck.' and 'The snake says hiss.' then draw pictures of a hen and a snake so they can draw a line and match the sentence to the correct animal.

In **phonics (Communication and Language)** we will be recapping the online sessions Phase 4, 3-4 and compound words 1 and 2 from the school website. <http://osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk/home/home-learning/>

In **maths** we will be continuing to learn about place value and addition and subtraction within 10 but we will also be introducing measuring. We will be ordering animals by length and height and using cubes and rulers to measure objects around the school. Here are some ideas for maths at home this week...

- **PLAY DOUGH** - draw a large ladybird outline onto paper and use play dough to make spots that add up to 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10. Make play dough snakes of different lengths and order them. You could even use a ruler to check which is the longest and which is the shortest and explain how you know.
- **SNACK** - let children cut up their own banana and talk about which is the longest and which is the shortest piece of banana. Can you measure the plate in blueberries? Can you measure your fork in strawberries?
- **BLOCKS / LEGO** - use blocks or lego to measure different objects around your house and put them in order or stick a post-it note on them to say how many block long / tall it is.
- **Ruler / tape measure** - talk about why we use a tape measure / ruler instead of blueberries / hands etc (because they are all the same size). Show your child how to put the ruler / tape measure at the end of something and follow the numbers to the other end to see how long it is.

## Understanding the world -

We will be learning about the life cycle of a ladybird and comparing it to the lifecycle of a butterfly that we did last week. What is the same? What is different?

Could you make a ladybird snack at home? You could use an apple or tomato for the body and raisins or blueberries for the spots!



We will also be drawing our own maps, like the one in the story and talking about directions. We will be making a maze using masking tape on the carpet and directing each other around it by using words like '**straight on, right, left and turn around**'.

You could also build a shelter for an animal outside using sticks and leaves. You could use a soft toy of an animal if you have one. Talk about what that animal will need (e.g. water, food, a dry bed etc) and collect the things they will need.

## Physical development -

**Gross motor** - we will be doing 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' to Old MacDonald had a farm, you can do it here too...<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKmRB2Z3g2s>

We will also be doing this 'wake up and shake up' dance every morning...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=RD7zySLpeEUcM&v=1gUbdNbu6ak>

**Fine motor** - we will be doing dough disco to build up our hand strength. Here is one example but there are loads out there or you can make up your own. If you try to follow these kinds of movements it will help with both brain and muscular development! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovgPLvue164&list=PLtw-7Jf06an2kfRMTdYqf21GkM0YT2HaP&index=3>

## Expressive arts and design -

- You could make a nature collage of a ladybird or the different farm animals from the story. Just draw an outline and go on a walk to collect small materials that you could stick onto your picture. If you don't have glue you could put sticky tape into a loop and stick it onto the paper outline so the materials stick straight to it!
- You could make a rock into a ladybird by painting it!
- You could use a paper plate to make a ladybird and do fingerprint spots onto it, counting as you go!

Have a lovely week and remember to send us photos and keep in touch.

Mrs Jervis and the Acorns team x