

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter Nursery

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Dear parents/carers

I hope you are all continuing to be safe and well. The next story we are going to explore is 'What the Ladybird Heard' coinciding with our new topic 'Minibeasts'. We will also explore a variety of mindfulness activities. This will help to support your child's personal, social, and emotional development during this uncertain time. Enjoy the activities and remember to share any of your child's work on our school Facebook page.

Literacy

1. Watch the story of 'What the Ladybird Heard' on YouTube or share the book with an adult.
2. 'What the Ladybird Heard' is a rhyming story. Can you spot the words that rhyme?
3. Practise your fine motor skills by using the 'Ladybird Pencil Control Activity' on 'DB Primary'. Remember to keep your lines in the middle of the path.
4. Use your 'Read Write Inc.' booklets to practise your letter formation. Have a go at writing the grapheme 'l' for 'ladybird' using the 'Read Write Inc.' rhyme "Down the long leg". Check your pronunciation using the jolly phonics songs!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=1Qpn2839Kro>

Important Information

Continue your home learning by logging on to DB Primary. I am updating this with new work every week!

**HOME
LEARNING**

Mathematics

1. Practise your fine motor skills using the 'Ladybird Cutting and sticking Activity' on 'DB Primary'. Can you count the spots on your ladybird? Remember to touch each spot as you count to ensure accuracy.
2. Practise your gross motor skills by moving like a ladybird. Crawl along the floor then jump up and spread your wings to fly! Can you do this 10 times?
3. Use the 'Ladybird Fingerprint Counting Activity' on 'DB Primary' to give the ladybird's the correct number of spots.
4. In the story, 'What the ladybird heard' a variety of animals live on the farm. Can you count how many animals there are altogether? Remember to touch count each animal to ensure accuracy.

Expressive arts and Design/ Understanding the world

1. Use the 'Ladybird colouring template' on 'DB Primary' to design your own ladybird. Think about the colours you will need for the ladybird's head, wings, and spots.
2. Use paints and a paper plate/bowl to create your own ladybird model. Instructions can be found on 'DB Primary'.
3. Make a ladybird 'Minibeast pebble' using a smooth pebble, paints, and pipe cleaners. Instructions can be found on 'DB Primary'.
4. Go on a 'Minibeast' hunt outside. Can you find any ladybirds? Use the 'Minibeast tick list' on 'DB Primary' to tick off what you find.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

1. Make your own 'Worry Monster' using cardboard boxes/tubes. Draw a picture of any worries you may have, then post them inside the 'Worry Monster's' mouth. Your 'Worry Monster' will eat your picture and all your worries will go away!
2. Draw a picture of your favourite memory at home. Ask an adult to help you label your picture.
3. Create 'Mood Monster Stick Puppets' to help you reflect on how you are feeling. Which monster will you be today? Resources can be found on 'DB Primary'.

Mindfulness Activities

1. Cosmic Kids - Mindfulness Video - 'The Listening Game'

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=uUIGKhG Vq8>

2. Cosmic Kids - Mindfulness Video - 'Yoga Relaxation'

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=KMY2pMsLijw>

3. 'I have feelings song'

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eMOnyPxE w8>

4. Go on a walk and engage with your five senses.

What can you hear?

What can you see?

What can you smell?

What can you touch?

What can you taste?

5. Breathing exercises are a great way of providing children with the means to regulate their emotions. A variety of breathing exercises can be found on 'DB Primary'.

6. Use the 'Minibeast Themed Mindfulness Colouring Sheets' on 'DB Primary' to create your own pictures.