

Ladybird Learning

w/b 4th October 2021



This week we have continued with our 'Why do Spiders spin webs?' topic. We have...

- Discovered just how amazing spiders are by learning some spider facts. Did you know... Spiders are arachnids. They have 8 legs and (usually) 8 eyes. They can grow a leg back if they lose one! Spiders have 2 body parts, unlike insects which have 3 body parts. Spiders hatch out of eggs. Baby spiders are called 'spiderlings'.
- Had fun putting the different body pieces together to make a giant spider and have created our own spider pets using the playdough.
- Taken part in lots of maths activities to help us compare different amounts of objects. We have begun to use maths vocabulary 'more', 'fewer' and 'equal' when comparing two groups of objects.
- Continued learning new sounds in our phonics sessions and are beginning to use our sounds to help us read and write simple words. Some of us are also starting to use our phonic knowledge to tackle various activities in our choosing time. Fantastic!

Home Challenge



We can certainly tell that some of our Ladybirds are practising their phonic sounds and tricky words at home as we have some super quick and confident participants in our daily phonics lessons. Great job Ladybirds! Don't forget- practice makes perfect. This week's home challenge is a phonic one. We would like you to make your own 'Metal Mike' robot to help with the teaching of sounds and blending at home.

All you need is a box to cover in tin foil. Cut a slot in the front so you can post cards or letter sounds into the robot. Add features such as eyes, buttons, antennae to decorate your robot.

Now you can use Metal Mike to help with different phonic activities:

- You could use the picture cards provided to focus on initial sounds. Eg. Ask your child "Can you find something beginning with p,p,p?" The card selected can then be posted into Metal Mike.
- You could try a blending activity where the adult says the sounds heard for one of the picture cards e.g. d-o-g and the child blends the sounds together to hear 'dog' and posts the card into Metal Mike.
- Once your child is familiar with initial sounds, you could focus on end sounds or middle sounds when playing a game.
- Using your letter sound cards (attached to your child's reading log book), children could find the letters to match the initial sound to one of the cards and post this in Metal Mike.
- Can they find the letter sound cards to spell out all the sounds in a chosen card e.g. sun? These can be posted in Metal Mike too.
- You could also make your own cards with our tricky words on. Post them in Metal Mike as you read them. How quickly can Metal Mike gobble up all of the cards?

Whatever you choose please record in the 'I can at home' book what you have done. We will ask you to bring in the books very soon.



