

Ladybird Learning

w/b 26th September 2022



This week we have continued with our 'Why do Leaves go Crispy?' theme. We have...

- Thought about what happens at Harvest time. We know that lots of our food -fruits and vegetables- come from plants. The plants grow from tiny seeds and need sun and rain to grow healthily. We discovered that when there is too little rain, or too much rain, the plants do not grow well and there will be less food for everyone to share. We took part in our school Harvest Celebration at church to say "Thank you" to God for all the food we have. We enjoyed performing our 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' song to you all!
- Taken part in lots of maths activities comparing socks and buttons. We looked at what was the 'same' and what was 'different' and then had fun trying to copy a sock pattern and sort buttons into groups that 'follow the rule' e.g. ALL yellow or ALL round.
- Shared the story of 'Tattybogle' and learned how scarecrows can help stop birds eating the seeds the farmer plants. We created our own scarecrows, thinking carefully about what we could add that might frighten the birds away. Do look at our class web page to check out our ideas!
- Continued learning new sounds in our phonics sessions and are beginning to use our sounds to help us in our literacy activities. This week we matched letters to the sounds we heard in different fruits and vegetables that 'grew' in our garden.
- We also practiced our cutting skills- using our scissors to cut along the lines, trying hard not to pop the balloons!

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. (I have put a larger picture of the metal mike robot on the last page to help)

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 or bring in your Metal Mike robot and show us your phonic skills!





