

Ladybirds

An Early Years and Primary curriculum-based activity sheet for the whole family

Ladybird Story

Listen to the story Lots of Spots. Who does the ladybird ask to count her spots? See if you can spot a woodlouse or a bumble bee in a green space near you. Look out for ladybirds and keep a tally chart of how many spots they have.



[Listen to Lots
of Spots](#)



Finger Painting

Make some ladybird pictures. Use some red paint to make fingerprints onto paper, then add spots, legs, a head and antennae with a black pen!

What other insects could you add to your picture in this way?



This is the symbol for a publishing company called Ladybird Books.

Do you know what a publisher does? See if you can find out, and then look on some other books to see who has published them? If you have a favourite book, that publisher's website might have other activities that you could enjoy doing!

Find out more...

... Did you know that a Ladybird is a type of Beetle? Find out more from [The Woodland Trust](#). Make some [ladybird potato prints](#) and write a different fact about ladybirds (or beetles) on the back of each one. Test your family and see what they can remember!



Dominoes



Print out these ladybird dominoes from [TES tinyurl.com/yaz3vr8s](https://www.tinyurl.com/yaz3vr8s), or make your own, and play a game together.

Can you use the dominoes to practise your number bonds to 10?

Did you know...

... An insect has no hard bones inside its body. Instead they have a hard covering called an exoskeleton.

Draw a ladybird find out the names of all it's body parts and label your drawing.

Read More...



Do you have a book about ladybirds that you could read with your child? Some good ones are:

The Grouchy Ladybird by Eric Carle

What the Ladybird Heard Next by Julia Donaldson

Ladybugs by Gail Gibbons

Starting Life: Ladybug by Claire Llewellyn

Ladybird, Ladybird

Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home,
Your house is on fire and your children are gone;
All except one, and that's little Ann,
And she has crept under the warming pan.

Learn the Nursery Rhyme together. Can you make up some actions to use as you say it together?

How are you helping?

These activities will help your child to:

- Develop their maths skills through playing games with numbers.
- Feel more motivated to read and write by having fun with reading and writing.