

Week beginning 22nd June 2020

Dear parents,

Our first 6 days at school have been unusual but fun and the children have settled really well. We have done lots of activities and lots of our learning has taken place outside.

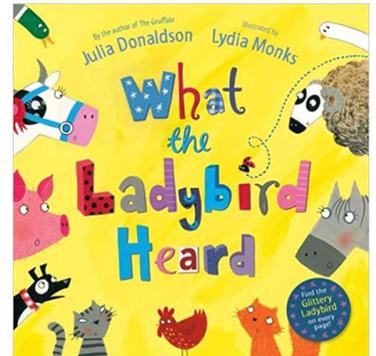
On National Oak Academy (Reception-Week 8-PSED) there are 3 simple quizzes about hugs, social distancing and germs on our clothes. They will give you an idea of what your child understands about some of the issues surrounding Covid 19 and will give you the opportunity to talk about things they are unsure of.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

Week 11 Home Learning**'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson**

This is one of my favourite stories. All of these activities have been taken from White Rose home learning (Reception Summer Week 2) The planning for this week offers lots of creative ways to teach maths. We will do some of these activities in school. Please look on their website for more exciting ideas.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/early-years/>



If you don't have this story do not worry as its available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eu9mPX7DuLA>

Julia Donaldson herself reads the story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=abKadke35cs>

... and sings a song with her husband:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7NbyiDpY6Ww>

Monday: How many legs?

Read the story and recall the animals on the farm with your child. How many did you count? Paint or draw to make your own characters looking at how many legs, where they live and what sounds they make.

Ask questions about the animals in the book or their own animals e.g. The cow has 4 legs. How many legs would 2 cows have? This activity links in well with the doubling and adding activities which we have been doing these last few weeks.

Tuesday: Ladybird Biscuits

You will need: 1 pack plain biscuits 1 small, red food colouring Icing sugar 1 small cup of water Black ready made icing in a tube or block or something similar to make spots and lines like raisins and liquorish. Optional – edible eyes!

Instructions: 1. Lay out your biscuits on a flat surface. 2. Mix a little water into your icing sugar until it starts to make a really thick paste. 3. Add red food colouring until the icing goes ladybird red. 4. Ice your biscuits to look like red ladybird wings. 5. Roll block icing into a thin sausage and make into a strip down the middle of each biscuit. (Or draw a line with icing or add a strip of liquorish.) 6. Roll little balls of black icing ready or get your raisins ready!

Decorate and do some maths: Simply decorate your biscuits with as many spots as you want and then talk about how many you have put on each side of the ladybird! How many spots altogether? Set a challenge of each biscuit having to have 5 or 10 spots. How many on one side, how many on the other? Talk about the calculation on both sides of the biscuit to make 10. Another way! Each ladybird must have the same amount of spots on each side. How many different doubles have you got? What do these make?

Wednesday: Making Maps

In the story the two baddies make a map of the farmyard in a cunning plan to steal the cow. Have a go at making a map of the farm like the baddies using positional language.

If you have some farm animals at home you could put them on your map and play farms. How many farm animals do you know? Do you know the names of their young?

Use the plan in the book or the front pages to make your own map. Talk about what is next to each of the buildings as you make it. Then talk about planning how to get the cow making turns, next to, over, under and beside.

Thursday: Kim's Game

Play Kim's Game by laying out different farm animals (or other toys) on a tray or on a flat surface. Cover with a cloth. Grown-ups take one away. Lift off cloth. Children tell us which one has gone.

Instead of using farm animals you could make simple 2D shapes from paper together and use them in the same way. Make different sizes and colours to help with scissor and fine motor skills. Remember to discuss properties like sides and size.

Friday: game time!

Play a game at home that requires a dice and make your own:

You will need: 1 empty tissue cube Glue Plain paper Felt tip pens.

Instructions: 1. Take your tissue cube and glue plain paper all over it. Make sure the sides are flat. 2. Let it dry 3. Draw dice spots on each of the faces. 4. Get ready to play a game. You can use these dice to play any game but on a larger more fun scale! Perhaps roll the dice and then have to show the number with your fingers, with that many claps, or choose an animal from the book and make that many noises!

A few more ideas:

- Do you have any other Julia Donaldson books at home? Which is your favourite? Why? Read and talk about these stories.
- Identify the rhyming words used throughout the book. Can you think of some rhyming words?
- Look at the adjectives that are used to describe each animal. Can you think of other adjectives can you think of to describe them?
- Go on a lady bird hunt. Can you find any other insects?
- There are lots of lovely ladybird printables on Twinkl www.twinkl.co.uk

Have fun and keep us posted about your adventures at home on Tapestry. If you still don't have access to this online journal just phone the office and we will get you sorted.

Take care all

The Reception Team