

Friday 20th May 2022

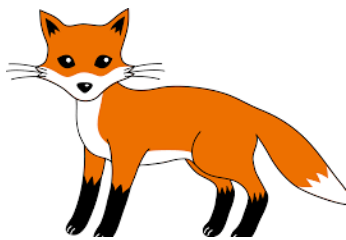
Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know young spiders are called spiderlings? This week Ladybirds learnt all about spiders using non-fiction books and videos. We learnt about the lifecycle of a spider and wrote key facts as part of our writing activities. In the afternoons the children have enjoyed creating bug hotels and exploring for mini beasts or insects outside.



We are continuing to work on phase 4 in our phonic sessions, we have practised reading and spelling words with letter blends "consonant clusters" at the start or end of a word **fl fr sl cr cl dr pl pr bl br sk sp st sw sl tw**. The children are becoming increasingly confident to identify the letter blend when reading words and listening carefully when we are writing words down. We went over spelling the tricky words **so** and **do**.

Our poem this week is called "The Fox". Ask your child to perform it for you!

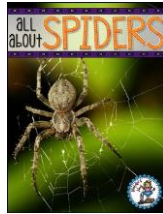
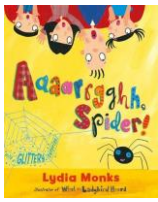


**The fox is small
And sly as can be
And a great big bushy tail has he
He can run very fast
And his fur is red
And he lives in the woods in his tree trunk bed**

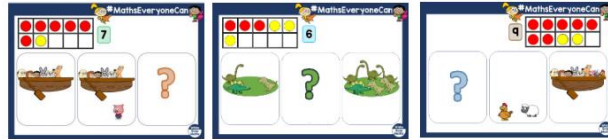
During maths we have introduced **FIRST THEN NOW** stories to support our understanding of addition e.g First there were 6 characters in Mr Gumpy's boat. Then 1 more got in. How many are there altogether in the boat now? We have used ten frames to represent this. We then investigated how to work out how many were added when we knew how many we had first e.g. First there were 3. Then some were added and now there are 6. We also explored how many there were first when 2 more were added and now there are 9.

Home Learning Challenge

Maths: First Then Now stories



Build your own bus and gather together some toys. Create your own first, then, now stories as different groups of toys get on the bus. How many toys were on the bus first? Then how many more got on the bus? How many are on the bus now?



The EYFS Ladybirds Team

We value our parents as partners. Please leave a comment or email on any aspect of your child's learning. Things they are enjoying, new learning that they may have shared with you or things that they may be finding tricky.

My child's name:

Date: