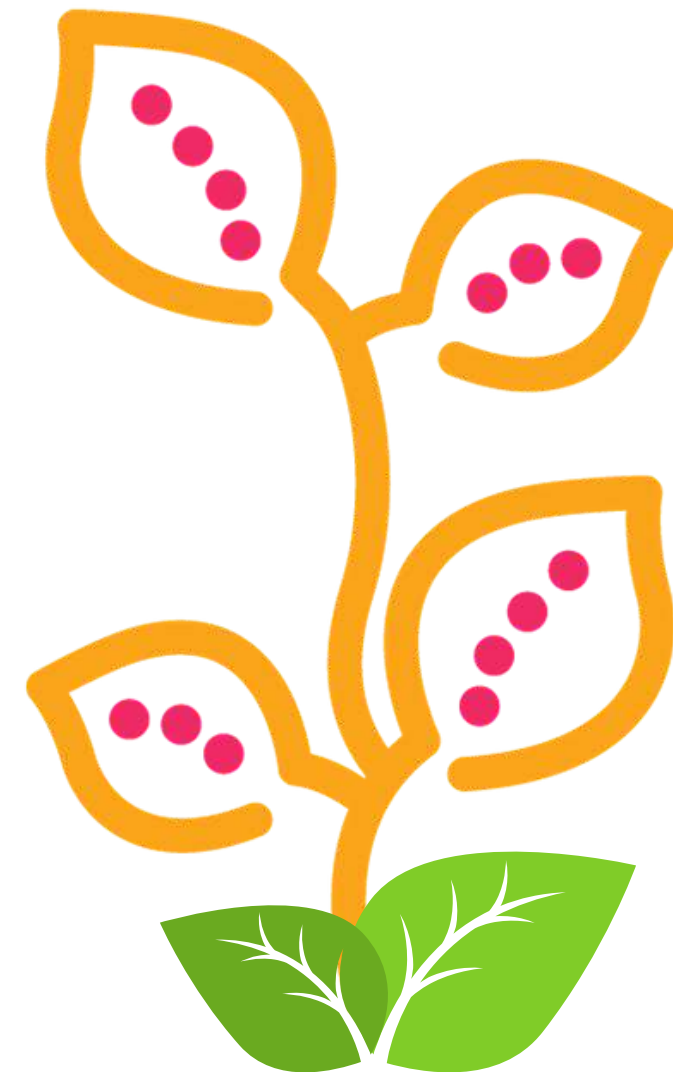




CREATURES & MINIBEASTS



Butterfly Symmetry Painting



CRAFTS

- Fold a piece of paper in half
- Paint on one side, roughly in the pattern of a butterfly wing
- Then fold the paper in half back on itself
- When you unfold the paper, you will find the painted wing has printed on the other side to create a butterfly!

Optional:
Cut them out so you
can play with them!



Ladybird Potato Printing

CRAFTS

- Cut a potato in half
- Paint the cut side red
- Print onto a piece of card or paper
- Paint a black line down the middle, a black splodge at one end for the head and some black dots either side of the line.
- Add googly eyes and paint on some legs!

Optional:
Cut them out so you
can play with them!



Hand Print Spiders



CRAFTS

- Paint your child's hand, whatever colour you want the spider to be
- Horizontally on the page, print your hand one way
- Then overlap the next print with your fingers pointing the other way.
- Add googly eyes or paint on eyes in the middle!

Optional:
Cut them out so you
can play with them!



Woodland Collage



CRAFTS

- Collect fallen leaves, petals, twigs, feathers, seeds
- Arrange and glue to a piece of paper, card or the inside of a box.
- Paint to add colour!

Top tip:
Add your butterflies, spiders
or ladybirds that you may
have made from the other
craft activities!



Snack time: Creepy Crawly Veg

FOOD



What you will need:

- Celery pieces, finger sized
- Cherry tomatoes and/or grapes halved
- Cream cheese and/or peanut butter
- Cucumber sliced
- Blueberries

[More veg ideas here](#)

Veg snails



- Take a piece of celery and fill with cream cheese
- Stick a slice of cucumber into the cream cheese at one end for the snail's shell
- Add a piece of cherry tomato at the other end for the head.

Veg caterpillars

- Fill a piece of celery with peanut butter.
- Add a blueberry at one end for the head
- Then add halved grapes down the rest of the celery for the body

Outdoor Activities

OUTSIDE

Eye Spy

Play a themed version of eye spy

E.g. I spy with my little eye

something wiggling in the mud...

I spy with my little eye something
with lots of legs...

I spy with my little eye something
with a bushy tail...

Creepy crawly hunt

On your daily walk or trip to the park,
look under rocks/logs/leaves to see what
you can find! Maybe you can take a
notepad and pencil with you to draw your
findings?

You could take pictures of the bugs that
you see together?

Talking with your little ones is so important and they love to chat! Talk about what you see: what do the bugs look like? What are the bugs doing? What do you think they are eating? What do you think it's like to live under there? (cold/dark/wet)

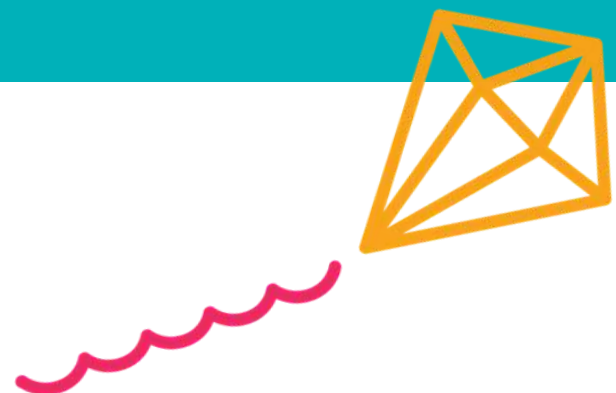
Excercise



OUTSIDE



- 1** Try moving like a spider/worm/butterfly/frog
- 2** Once you've tried moving like each of these then you could play a game.
- 3** Pick a creature to be and play chase, you can only move in the way that your creature would!



Frog race
Crouch down like
frogs & bounce to the
finish line!
Extra points for those
who can 'ribbit' too!

Rhyme Time

WORDS

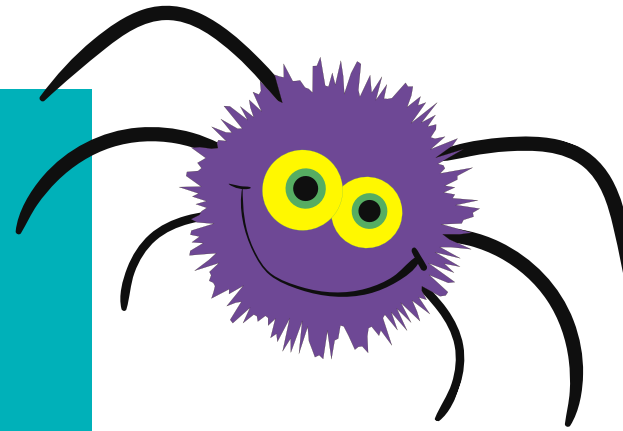
Incy Wincy Spider

Incy wincy spider climbed up the
water spout

Down came the rain and washed the
spider out

Out came the sunshine and dried up
all the rain

So incy wincy spider climbed up the
spout again.



Or try this variation:

Incy wincy spider climbed up the
winter trees

Down came the snow and made poor
incy freeze

Out came the sunshine and melted
all the snow

So incy wincy spider had another go.

Rhyme Time

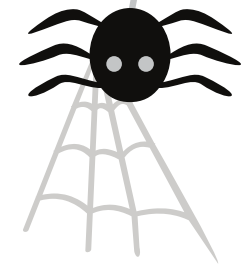
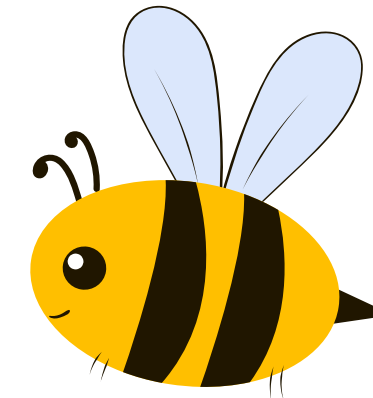
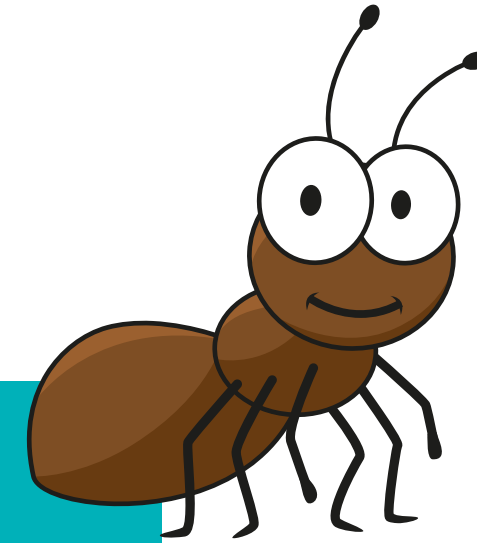


Insects All Around (to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Ladybugs and butterflies,
Buzzing bees up in the sky.

Teeny, tiny little ants,
Crawling up and down the plants.

Many insects can be found
In the sky and on the ground.



WORDS

Little Miss Muffet

Little miss muffet sat on her tuffet
Eating her curds and whey
Along came a spider who sat down
beside her
And frightened miss muffet away!

Rhyme Time

WORDS

Ladybugs

I saw a little ladybug flying in the air,
But when I tried to catch her, two bugs were there.

Two little ladybugs flew up in a tree.

I tiptoed very quietly, and then I saw three.

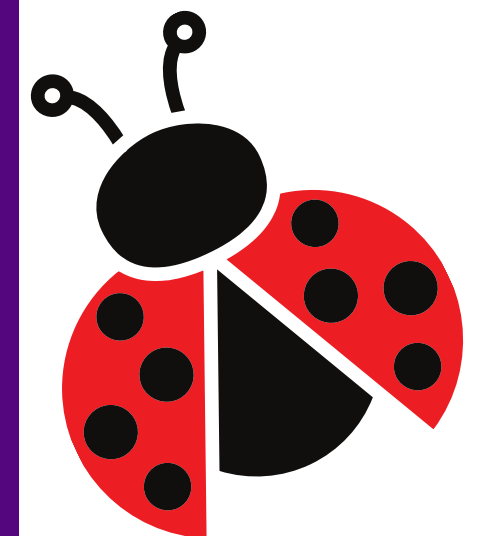
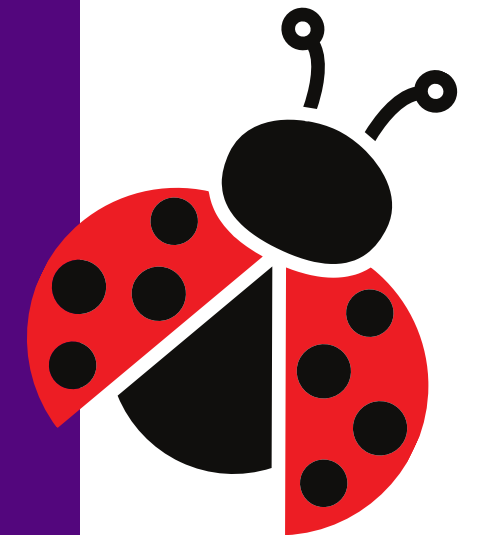
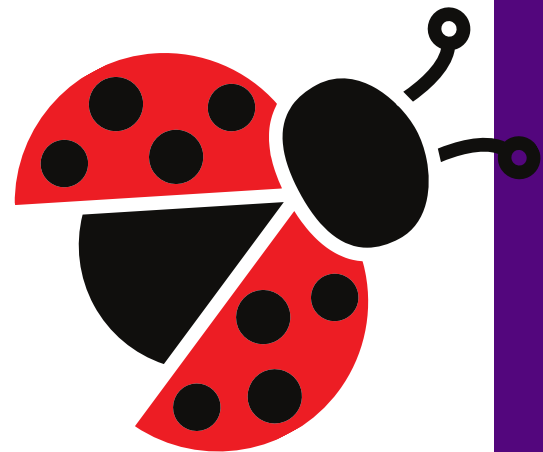
Three little ladybugs -- I looked for one more.

I saw one sitting on the ground, that made four.

Four little ladybugs -- another one arrived.

I saw her sitting on a flower, and that made five.

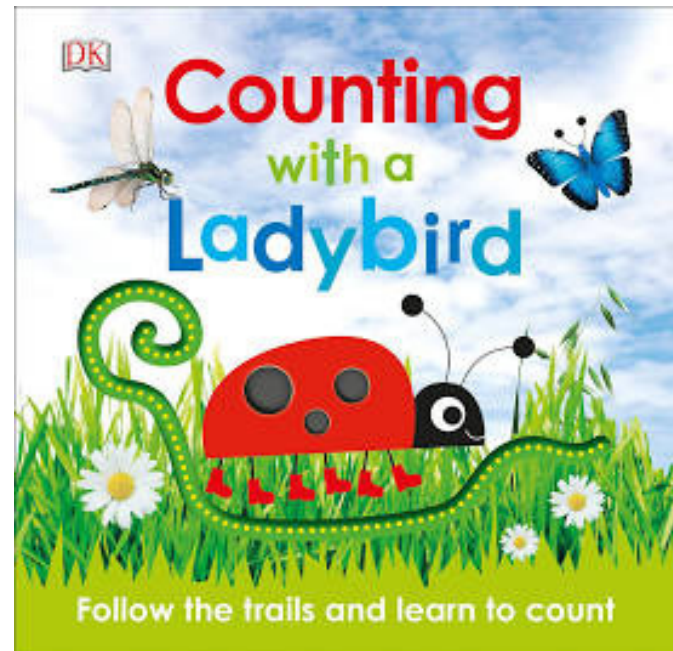
Five little ladybugs, all red and black,
I clapped my hands and shouted, and they all flew back!



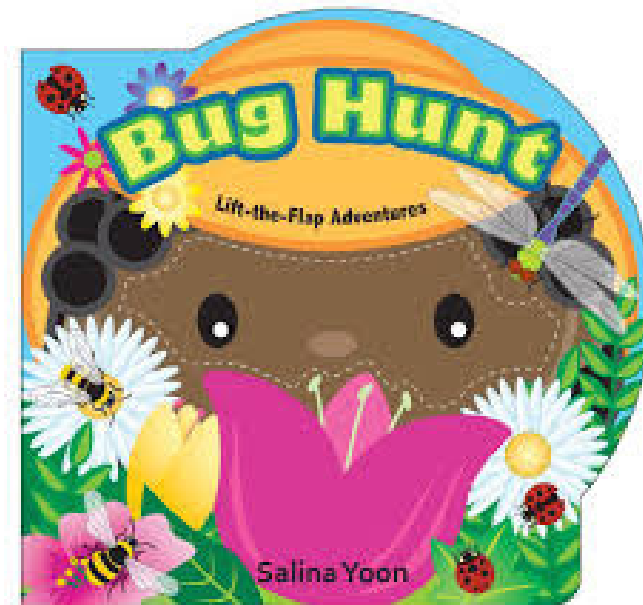
Time for a story



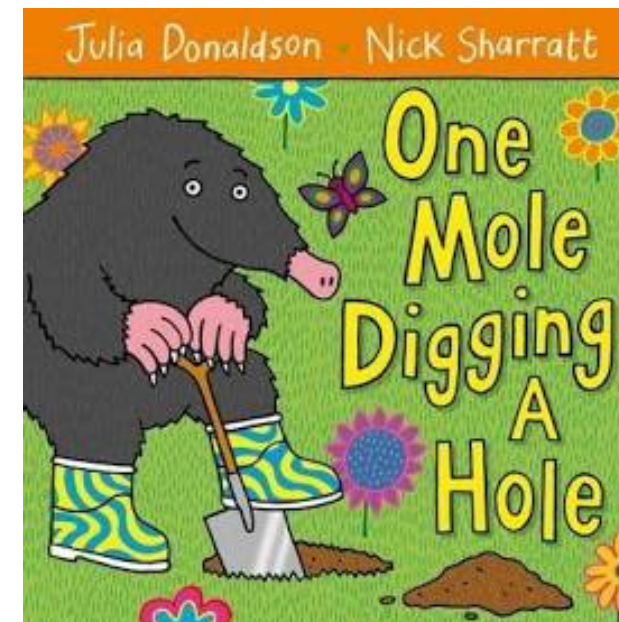
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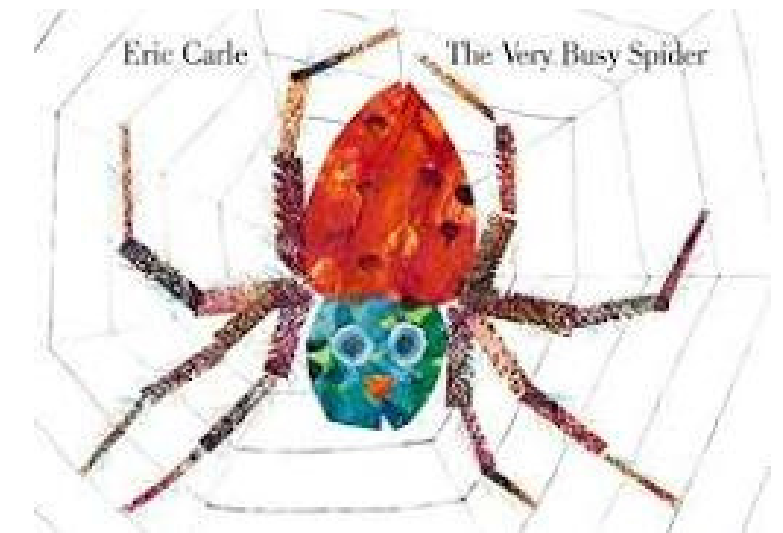
Counting with a ladybird
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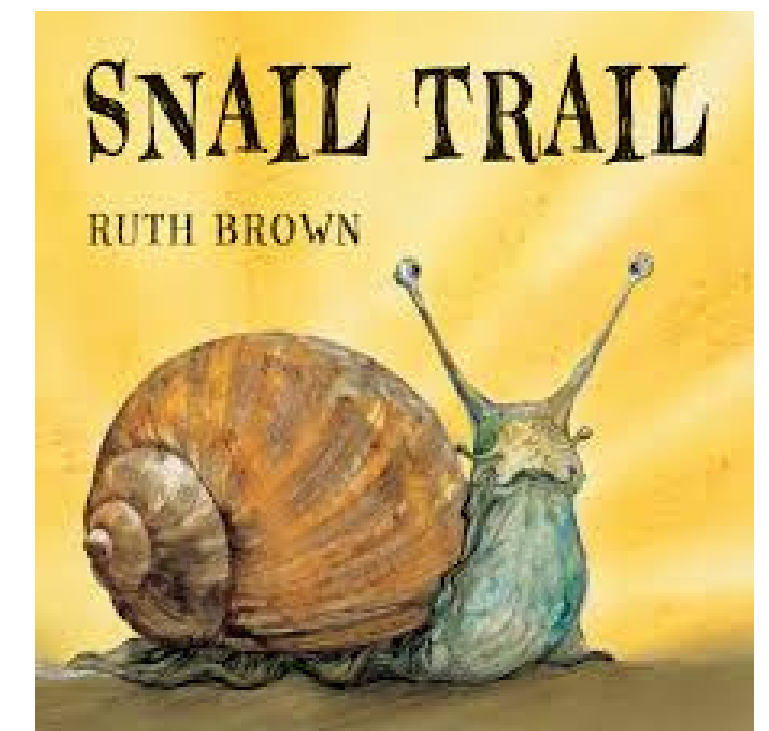
Bug Hunt
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One Mole Digging a hole,
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Sharratt



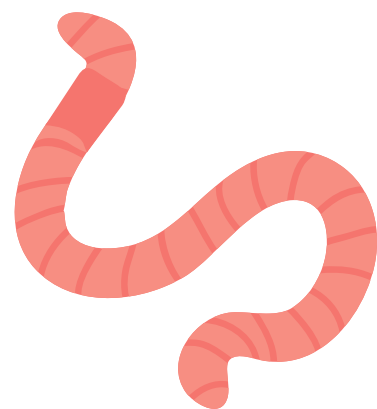
The Very Busy Spider
by Eric Carle



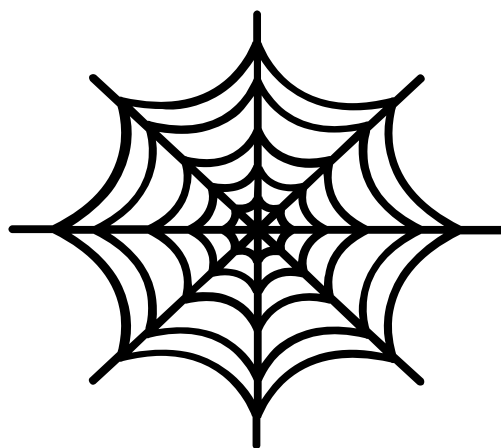
Snail Trail, Ruth Brown

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Scavenger Hunt



1 worm

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A spider's web

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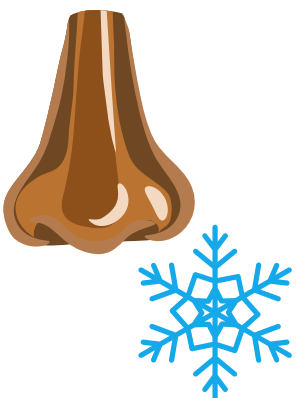
Can you hear the
wind blowing?

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A squirrel in a tree

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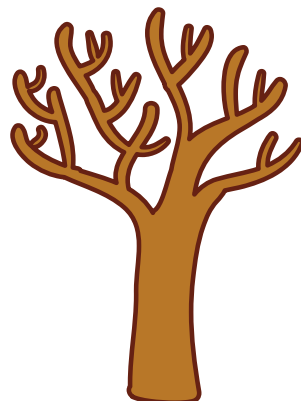
A muddy puddle

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Can you feel the
cold on your nose?

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A bird in the sky

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A tree with no leaves

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Can you see any
rain?

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