

Holt Hall

A Loveliness of Ladybirds

Today's activities are all about Ladybirds. Or Bishy Barnabees as they are known in Norfolk. Ladybirds are insects; they have six legs and a hard shell. Why don't you go on ladybird safari and see if you can find some in your garden or when you are out for a walk.



Find out more about ladybirds

The Woodland Trust has some great information on ladybirds like what they eat and where they live. Use their ladybird spotter sheet to help you find different types of ladybird.

Why do you think Ladybirds have spots?

How many spots can you count?



Make a ladybird hotel

Buglife.org.uk has lots of tips for how to make your garden bug friendly including how to make a ladybird and lacewing hotel so they have somewhere warm to sleep through the winter.



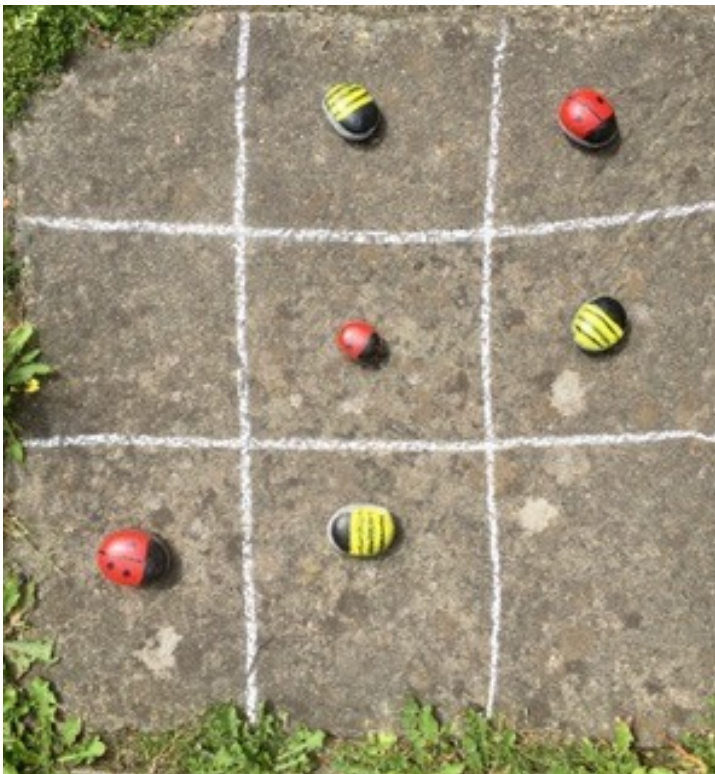
Why do you think ladybirds are red?

How many other things can you find which are red? What other colours might a ladybird be?



Make a ladybird from a painted paper plate

You could draw or paint the spots. You could make a ladybird puppet and use it to retell a ladybird story. We love 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson and 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' By Eric Carle. www.Kiddycharts.com have some printable activity sheets.



Paint some stones to look like ladybirds

We used ready mix paint and added detail with wax crayons. You could sort your stone ladybirds by size or use them to play a game like noughts and crosses. You could try to find places in your garden where a lady bird might like to be.



For more ladybird facts and other outdoor activities check out these websites:

<https://www.holthall.org.uk/>

https://cdn.buglife.org.uk/2019/07/Gardening-for-bugs-children1_1.pdf

http://treetoolsforschools.org.uk/activities/pdfs/pdf_ladybird_house.pdf