

Week 6 – The Bad Tempered Ladybird – Eric Carle

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



New Challenges!

Here we go with a new set of challenges and ideas for things you can try at home.

This week is all about the bad-tempered ladybird, which is another book by Eric Carle.
Have fun!!!

Supporting Communication and Language

Listen to the story and have a chat about it with your adult.

What did you like about the story?

Is there anything that you didn't like?

Do you have any questions about the story?

What was your favourite animal in the story?

Can you think of a new animal that could be in the story?

What makes you feel angry?

Why do you think the ladybird is so angry in the beginning?

What should he have said to the friendly ladybird?

Why do you think that the ladybird never fights anyone?

Do you think he is a brave ladybird? Why?

What can you do to help you calm down when you feel angry?



Supporting Literacy

Supporting Expressive Arts and Design

I want you to add a new page to the book. Choose a new animal for the ladybird to meet and write a new part of the story.

For example, he might meet a kangaroo or a giraffe or a tiger. What would he say to them? What would they say to him?

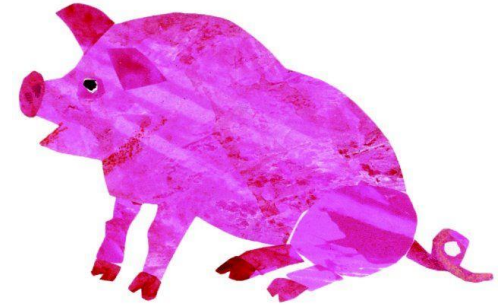
Here is my new page:

At 2 o'clock he met a pig.

"Hey you, do you want to fight?"

"Okay," said the pig.

"No, you are not big enough!"



I look forward to seeing some of your amazing writing. Perhaps you could illustrate your part of the book too with an amazing drawing of the ladybird meeting your new animal.

Supporting Understanding of the World

Supporting Literacy

Did you know that ladybirds have an interesting life-cycle too? Have you ever seen a baby ladybird? They don't look the same as the adult. See if you can find out about the life-cycle of the ladybird and create a life-cycle drawing just like you did for the butterfly last week.

Maybe if you are lucky you will be able to go mini-beast hunting and spot a baby ladybird! Good luck!

Don't forget to use your brilliant phonics to have a go at labelling the stages of the life-cycle.



Supporting Mathematical Understanding

In the book there are lots of different animals of different sizes. This week have some measuring fun at home and compare sizes of different things. Here are some ideas of things you could do:

- You could draw around everyone's feet and use a ruler to measure and compare them.
- You could start to grow some beans at home and track their height as they start to grow.
- Have a jumping competition and see who can jump the furthest, using a tape measure to check the results.
- Which of your cars can travel the furthest down a ramp? Use your tape measure to record the results.
- Do you have a small ruler? Have a challenge with that. Can you find 10 things shorter than your ruler and 10 things taller than your ruler?
- Can you draw a small, medium sized and large animal?
- How high can you jump? Jump and tap the wall, get someone to help you measure it.
- Can you think of your own measuring challenges?

Supporting Personal and Social Development

We all feel angry sometimes. It is okay to feel angry but we need to make sure that we have ways to help us deal with that anger. We do not want to flip our lids and stop using our thinking brains. If we let our feeling brains make the decisions we can sometimes do silly things.

Here are some videos and fun activities you can do to help you find a sense of peace and calm: (These links are also on the website.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iEEJT9cYsm0>

<https://family.gonoodle.com/channels/flow>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>



Supporting Physical Development

Have fun moving this week. It is really important to get some exercise and get moving to help us feel good both in our body and our mind.

Once the ladybird had flown around being angry for a while he felt tired out and started to calm down. Exercise is a great way to make us feel happy and proud of ourselves.

My challenge for you this week is to make up an exercise workout for your family. Each move has to be based on one of the animals in the story. So you could buzz around the room like a wasp or scuttle on the floor like a beetle or jump up and down like a gorilla!

Have fun making up your moves and then get your family to join in with your animal workout!

Supporting Mathematical Understanding

The ladybird passes the whole day flying around and meeting other creatures he wants to fight with. There are lots of times in the book. Did you notice them?

Have fun learning about time this week.

What time do you get up?

What time do you go to bed?

What time is lunch?

Do you have a clock or watch in your home to look at?

Maybe you could have a go at making your own clock?



Thursday!
Here are some
challenges for
you to enjoy
today!



We can measure time in different ways.

We can measure long times in years, months, weeks and days. (How many years old are you?)

We can measure medium times in hours. (How many hours until we go to bed?)

We can measure smaller times in minutes. (How many minutes does it take to brush your teeth?)

We can measure really small times in seconds. (How many seconds does it take to count to 20?)

Have fun using a stopwatch this week with your family members, trying some timed challenges.

Here are some ideas:

- How many tuck jumps can you do in 30 seconds?
- How many laps of the garden in 1 minute?
- How many times can you bounce the ball in 30 seconds?
- How long does it take you to do 20 jumping jacks?
- Can you think of your own challenge?

Supporting Understanding of the World

Supporting Mathematical Understanding

To be a good scientist you need to be able to carry out investigations. You need to be able to look for patterns and notice things.

Here is a question for you to investigate:

Are people with longer hands able to pick up more things in one hand?

As a scientist you would need to have evidence to prove if this was true or not.

- Measure the length of each hand in your family.
- Decide what you are going to pick up in the hand. (This could be sweets, pasta twists, bricks – something of uniform size)
- Let each person use just one hand to grab as many items as they can.
- Count and record how many each person managed to pick up in one hand.

What did you find out?

Supporting Literacy

Reading is such an important thing for you to do to support your learning. It helps you to become a good writer and helps you to learn all of those tricky words that we have in our language.

Have some reading fun this week.

Can you do all of these in one week?

- Read to a teddy
- Read to a family member on Skype or Zoom
- Read under a tent
- Read in the bath
- Read in your garden
- Read in bed
- Read clues to follow a treasure hunt around your home!



Some other ideas of things to make!

