Ideas and activities for you to do at home after reading together.

“What the Ladybird Heard” and “What the Ladybird Heard Next” by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks

All activities could be done without the book!
Other linked stories to read and enjoy. Our activities can be used with these books too!
Ladybird Biscuits

(More ideas later if you are short of ingredients!)

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!
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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!

Then…
Talking Together
Lots of ways of Getting Dotty!

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?
Talking Together

If you don’t have the ingredients – some other ideas!

- Use cream cheese instead of icing sugar!
- Use chocolate buttons for spots!
- Make your own unique bug with different colours and spots using smarties! Give your bug a name!
- Cut circles in bread and make ladybird toast with raspberry jam!
- Do the activity with dough and buttons for spots!