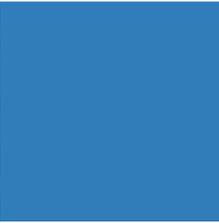
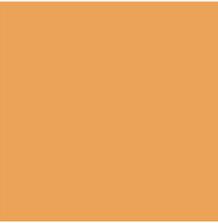


# Fireflies



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## Investigating animal homes in trees

During one of our outdoor times this week, the Fireflies investigated nearby trees for clues that animals and insects might be using them as a home. The children carefully explored the trunk and bark of the trees and discovered tiny holes in areas where the bark had been removed. Using his observational thinking skills, Jackson shared that the holes “look like insects drilled their bodies inside the tree to be warm because it is cold outside.” Later Amelia discovered a large spider web on a lower tree branch which was full of tiny ants and small insects which she noted “that way spiders can eat them when they are hungry”.





## **Harmful or helpful insects**

At one of our large group times this week, the Fireflies read the book, *The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle, which is about a ladybug who meets different types insects on one of her journeys. One of the insects that she meets is an aphid, which we learned is an insect that is harmful to plants and trees. We then had a group discussion about insects that are harmful to plants and trees and which ones are helpful. We looked at magnified pictures of helpful insects like dragonflies and ladybugs which we learned are helpful insects to plants as they feed on other insects that are harmful to plants like Japanese beetles and bark beetles.





## Charting animals who live in trees

This week the Fireflies learned how animals and insects use trees and they discovered that trees act as homes to a number of living things like snakes, monkeys, and even some types of rats! At one of our large group times, the children used their logistical reasoning skills and existing knowledge to make a chart categorizing creatures that live in trees from those that do not use a tree as a home. The Fireflies then worked to total the two groups and discovered that they had listed many more in the group that do live in trees than ones that do not!



# 2017

01. January	02. February	03. March
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10. October	11. November	12. December

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# Important updates:

Upcoming Fieldtrip: Friday, November 10, 2017 to Rockville Woodworkers Club.

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this Sunday November 5th!

