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### The Two-Spotted Ladybird by Hannah Wemyss, Ben Wyvis Primary

This is a story about how some people might look different.

It was a quiet and sunny day. All the children were sitting in the street eating ice cream. All the birds were flying about trying to find their nest from last season. The pink blossom trees were blowing in the wind and their petals were elegantly flowing in the breeze.

A little ladybird (called Lily) was flying about enjoying the peace and quiet and the warmth of the sun on her wings, when she came upon three other ladybirds. The three ladybirds were mean but beautiful. They said that Lily was a freak and that she would never fit in anywhere just because she had two spots and not four. They were flying down on to the ground as she slowly flew away crying. Lily said to herself that why couldn't she just be normal like everyone else.

When Lily was born.

Everything was quiet and still when Lily was born. Her parents were amazed at how Lily had only two spots but they knew she was going to get bullied because she was different.

The Present Day.

When Lily got home her parents knew what had happened straight away. Lily had been in the small hole in the tree (which is where they live) for days and she only came out for lunch and dinner. When she finally got over what had happened four days ago, she went out for a fly in the cold frosty air. She saw something terrible about to happen. One of the mean girls wings was broken and a man was walking towards her and she was going to get squished. Lily thought that she couldn't save her but it was worth a try. Lily swooped down as fast as she could, grabbed the mean but beautiful ladybird and saved her life. If Lily wasn't there, the mean ladybird would of ended up dead. The ladybird who nearly died was called Megan and she took back all what she said about Lily being a freak and that she would never belong anywhere. When Lily got home her mum and dad had bought something for her but Lily said no. The thing that her mum and dad got her was stickers. They was black dots to go on her back so she would be normal. The reason Lily said no is because she now wants to be different. Her two spots show who she really is.

Lily's parents were so proud of her and how she ignored all of those mean girls and boys in the world who don't understand what it is like to be different.

The moral of the story is not to judge a ladybird by her spots.

Just because someone looks different does not mean that they are any different from you.

You can't blend in if you were born to stand out.