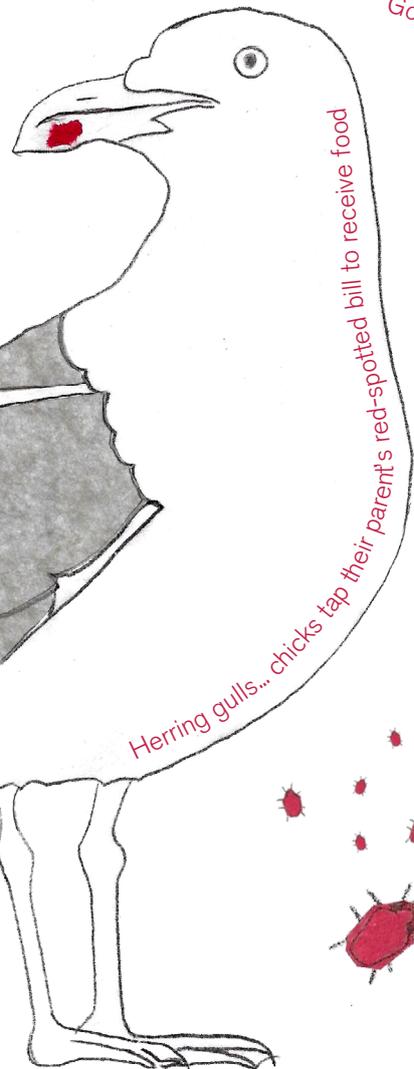
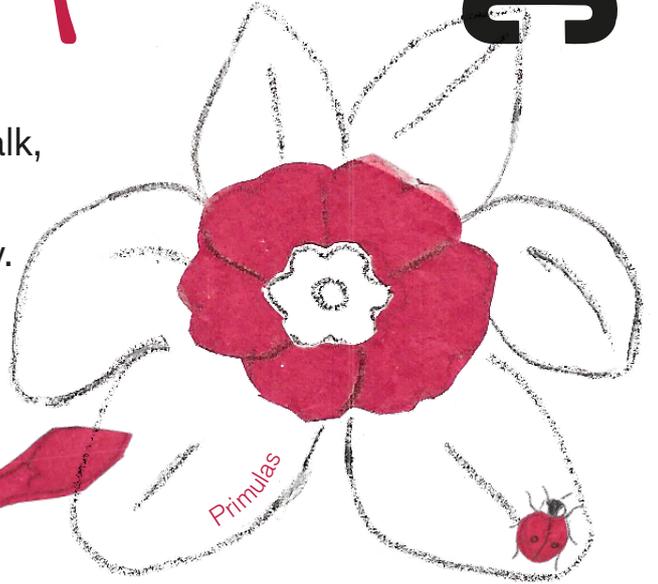


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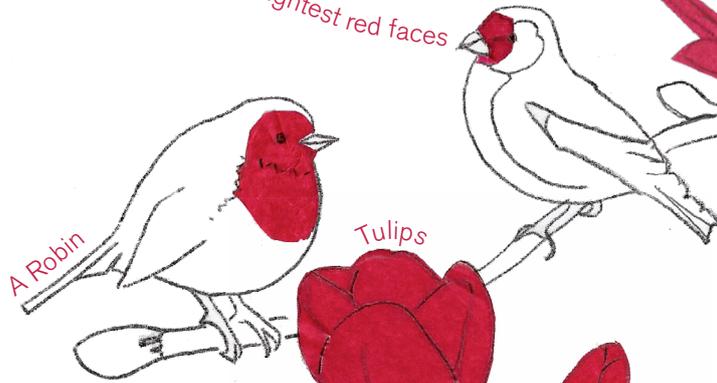
What red things can you spot on your daily walk, in your garden or from your window?

Write down, draw or record them in some way. Here's some to get you started:



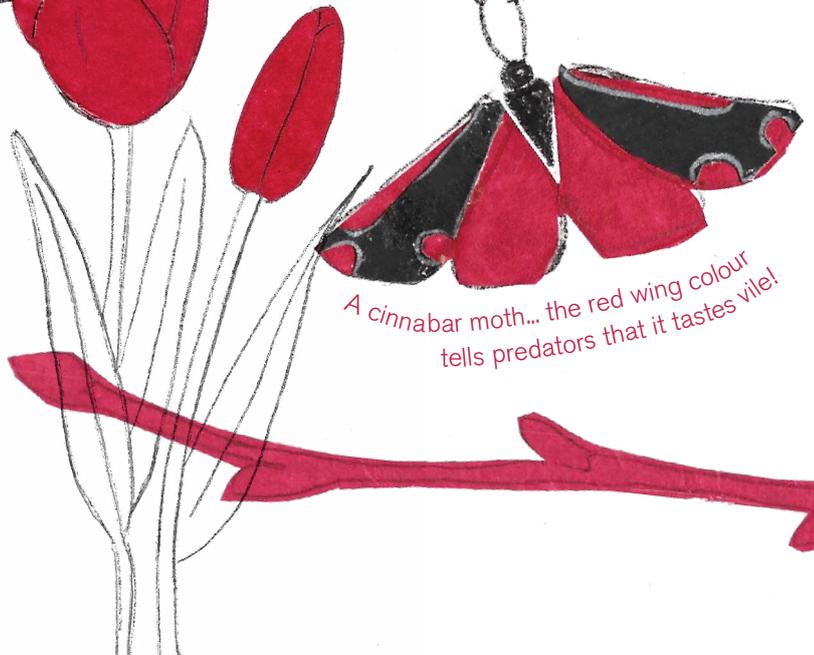
Herring gulls... chicks tap their parent's red-spotted bill to receive food

Goldfinches... they have the brightest red faces



A Robin

Tulips



A cinnabar moth... the red wing colour tells predators that it tastes vile!



A tiny velvet mite... covered in short, fine hair scurrying around on the ground

A LOOK AT LADYBIRDS...

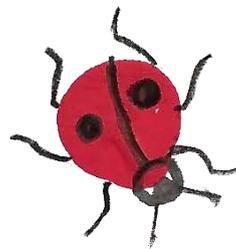
You will need:

- red paint
- a black pen
- paper

Press your finger into the red paint and make lots of red finger-prints. Allow them to dry.

Turn your prints into a collection of flittering and flying ladybirds. Add legs, heads, feelers and halve the body to make wing cases.

Add spots. Remember, each wing case is the mirror image of the other.



There are more than 40 species of ladybird in the UK. Popular with gardeners because they eat plant pests, the two-spot ladybird is one of the most common native species but some types have up to 24 spots. There's different colour variations too¹.

At BALTIC, our exhibition *Animalesque / Art Across Species and Beings*² is inspired by our relationships with animals and how we impact their habitats through our own choices. To help these spotty friends flourish in your own green spaces consider planting ladybird-friendly plants and herbs³ and adding a bug home near their food source⁴.

¹For a ladybird spotting guide check out:
<https://bit.ly/3ahsj4Y>

²Visit <https://bit.ly/2RFwsth> for more information, images, virtual tours and podcasts about *Animalesque*

³Top planting tips for supporting ladybird food sources here: <https://bit.ly/2VhxBJu>

⁴Here's the bug mansion of your ladybird's dreams:
<https://bit.ly/3coRxjn>

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