



In the magical garden at MERL, there lived a tiny ladybird. Her name was Dot because she was so small.

Dot didn't want to be small, she often wished that she was as big as her ladybird friends Chomper and Goliath.

Dot, Chomper and Goliath lived amongst the green beans and the strawberry plants where they ate aphids all day long.



The gardener (Helen) loved the ladybirds because their munching kept the plants free of aphids.

The Friday Fledglings loved the ladybirds because their work meant that there were more beans to take home for supper.



The aphids did not like the ladybirds one little bit! Some of them tried to hide in tiny spaces around the plant and no ladybird could reach them apart from Dot.

Dot became so good at hunting out these hidden aphids that she gained the nickname 'Super Dot'.

Dot didn't mind being the smallest anymore. In fact, she loved it.

