

## Nursery Newsletter

Week commencing 05/05/26

### The very busy spider



This week, we shared the story *The Very Busy Spider*, encouraging the children to join in with repeated sentences. We also explored sequencing the story.

We looked at a selection of spiders and photos, emphasising that they all have eight legs. Later in the week, we discussed how to make a bug hotel and which bugs we might see visiting it. We then built one together, thinking about the different resources we would need, including sticks, leaves, flowers, and pinecones.



Some indoor activities we have explored have included:

- Printing spiders using a potato masher and exploring printing with different objects.
- Counting the spiders' legs onto their bodies and fastening paper and card together successfully.
- Saying number names in play when counting spiders onto the spider web at the light table.
- Making marks on paper, drawing spider webs and spiders at the mark-making table.
- Exploring letter in the sand, using their hands to bury the sounds and find them.
- Asking questions about what they have observed and commenting on what they can see while searching for spiders in the fluff.





Our outdoor activities included:

- Potion making - working together to mix coloured water with lots of different ingredients.
- Drawing spiders and counting how many legs they need.
- Wearing different insect masks and moving like the insects.
- Practising our climbing and balancing skills on the climbing frame.
- Building sandcastles and sieving sand in the sand pit.
- Matching numbered spiders to the corresponding numbered webs.





Some activities you could share at home:

- Practising name writing. Take a letter at a time to copy, this will support your child to form the letters correctly.
- Clapping numbers 1-5 or 1-10 and recognising the written numerals.
- Exploring how to make a bug hotel. Suggestion: [How to make a bug hotel - EYFS - Reception - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Talking about the different bugs and insects you see when going for a walk together.
- Sing Nursery Rhymes especially rhymes including minibeasts!
- If your child starting Reception encourage them to use a knife and fork to cut up food on their plate. (This is a great skill to support Reception learning)
- Encourage your child to fasten buttons on clothing. This is a good skill for fine motor muscle building and encourages independence.

**Next week's Book of the Week is Bumblebear.**