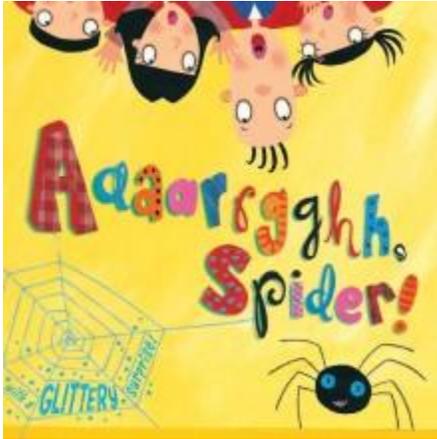


Summer term Week 5-
Week commencing 18th May 2020

Our story of the week is...



This weeks story is Aaaarrgggh Spider! By Lydia Monks.

Do you have any pets?

Are there pets that you would like to have if you were allowed, would you choose a spider? Are you afraid of spiders?

Communication and Language

An important aspect of communication and language is the EYFS curriculum is being able to ask, and answer, questions and to share thoughts and ideas. Children are building up their vocabulary every day with all of the interactions they are having with the world around them.

One of our most popular topics is mini-beasts. Children enjoy finding out all about them. This weeks focus is spiders.

Lets find out some more about spiders...

Can you draw a spider and remember some spider facts? Ask a grown up to write down your facts.

Can you go out in your garden and hunt for your own spiders?

How do you, and the other members of your family, feel about spiders?

Some spiders make a web, can you make your own web?

Literacy

Sharing books and stories with children helps their learning, development, language and communication. Reading to your child every day gives them the best start to life. Children learn so much from sharing books with adults. Not only are they learning vital skills for later reading and writing, but sharing books also helps with talking, listening, and communication skills, as well as encouraging imagination, curiosity, and arousing emotions.

Sharing a book will not only give your child the opportunity to hear words spoken, either through poetry and rhyme, story or non-fiction, but it will encourage communication as you talk about what's happening in the book.

Here are some other books about spiders that you can share at home-

Phonics focus

Reading eggs has a free trial on. It is a phonics based program to support early reading skills, activities only take about 10 minutes and its really easy to use.

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

Mathematics

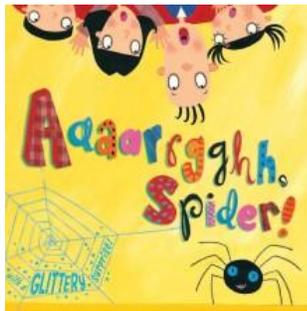
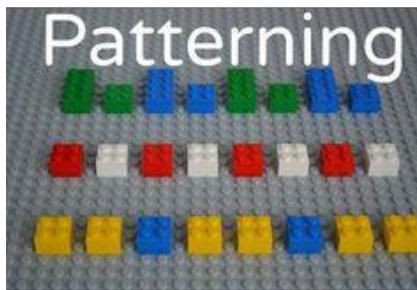
This week focus is patterns-

Children naturally look for patterns and make patterns. Exploring patterns is at the heart of mathematics! Here are some fun activities to try at home.

- Sing songs with repeating actions like this one
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>

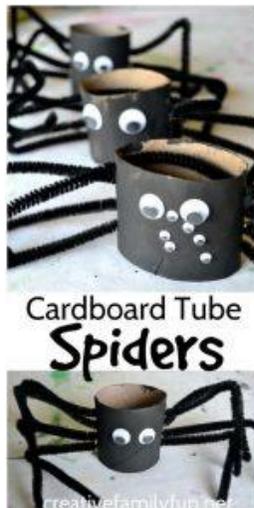
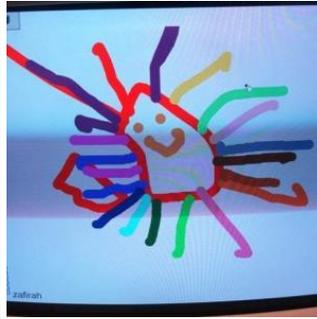
Shape Patterns is a sequencing game where children from 3 to 8 years of age need to complete the pattern of different coloured 2D shapes. It is a multiple choice game with three levels of difficulty. It is excellent for shape recognition and for problem solving.

Can you make your own patterns?



Some fun activities to try, linked to the story **Aaarrgghh Spider!**

There are lots of different fun ways to make your own spider. Have a look at these!



It isn't just spiders that we can find in our garden, why don't you go on a mini beast hunt and see what you can find.

Where to find mini-beasts:

Mini-beasts live in all sorts of habitats. Many prefer dark, damp spots in gardens and woods,

so this is a good place to start your hunt.

- Peek under large stones and logs to find woodlice and millipedes.
- Peer into the cracks in tree bark and deadwood to find beetles and spiders.

- Poke your nose into long grass to see ants and grasshoppers.
 - Look closely at leaves to discover caterpillars and ladybirds.
 - Keep your eyes peeled after rain - can you spot slugs, snails and worms.
- Lots of creepy crawlies live in trees and shrubs. Lay a piece of white cloth, such as an old sheet or pillow case, under a tree or bush and gently shake the branches. You'll be surprised how many tiny creatures fall out. Remember - bugs are very tiny, so be careful if you pick them up and always put them back where you found them.

You can use the bug hunt sheet to tick off what minibeasts you can find in your garden! You can print this off or make your own. You could photograph the bugs that you find or draw them.



[Eyfs-minibeast-hunt-checklist-](#)

Look what Andy has found on his mini-beast adventure.



Andy visits the undergrowth to meet the tiny creatures we may often overlook. He moves like a monkey beetle, lifts like a leaf cutter and does martial arts with an orchid mantis. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06tmry2>