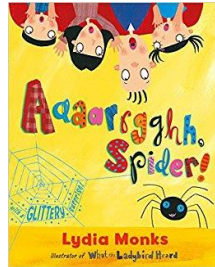


Term 5 topic- Minibeasts

What is happening in our garden?

Our story of the week- "Aaaaargghh, Spider" by Lydia Monks



Personal, Social and Emotional Development- In our jigsaw time, we have been talking about how to be a good friend. We listened to some unkind words and also to some thoughtful, kind words and talked about the impact our choice of language can have on our feelings, friendships and relationships. We know it is important to think carefully about the words we use before we speak. It's not always easy being friends, but we had lots of ideas and thoughts to share what might help us. We have also been working together, sharing resources to ensure we have fun, we learn and we stay safe.

Communication and Language- We have had lots of discussions about spiders and chatted to each other about what we've found out! We have learnt lots of new facts about spiders and lots of new words. Ask us about what a spiderling is or what happens if a spider loses a leg! We have enjoyed watching our caterpillars get ready to spin a cocoon and have been talking about what this might look like.

Physical Development- We enjoy exploring during our outside playtimes each day. We have continued to enjoy being on the field this week, using the trim trail and a variety of sports equipment, vehicles and construction materials. We also continue to develop our Fine Motor Skills through exploring play dough and making spiders with many eyes, handwriting, cutting and various building and constructing toys.

Literacy- After reading information books and watching Power points about spiders, we have learnt so many facts about them. We impressed our teachers when we wrote facts about spiders as we used our phonic knowledge to help us listen for the sounds we could hear, pinch them onto our fingers and write each word to make a sentence. We are working towards becoming more independent when we are writing. We continue to look at a variety of non-fiction books about spiders and other minibeasts and have read lots of story books. We are also doing lots of reading in our phonics groups and also individually.

Mathematics- We have continued to practise counting in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s; recognising our numbers to 20 and beyond; doubling and halving; forming our numbers correctly; counting up to 20 and back down again; saying what is one more and one less than a given number. We are also practising counting on and back from a given number not always starting at 1. We have thought about teen numbers and have made them by ourselves using Numicon and a ten

frame. We have also been solving addition and subtraction calculations with counters and playing lots of games where we have to work out the answers.

Understanding the World- Wow! We have had an exciting week in class. We are looking every day at our caterpillars and wondering when they will spin their cocoons. We have been watching them get bigger and bigger and also noticing their poo! We have enjoyed learning facts about spiders and have been watching out to see if we can spot any in school or on the playground. We have noticed lots! We were very cross when we were watching Incey Wincey spider on youtube and the cartoonist drew the spider with 6 legs! Can you believe it? We have also been looking out for spider's eggs in doorframes and on leaves. Did you know that a Mummy spider stays with her eggs until she dies?

Expressive Arts and Design- We have been busy on the art table this week. We have made spider pictures (with 8 legs!), used playdough, googly eyes and pipe cleaners to make our own spiders and have really enjoyed the different versions of Incey Wincey spider. Ask us about the winter tree version! We still love our role play areas and enjoy pretending to be different characters! The vets is still very popular and the children are taking very good care of the animals.

Supporting learning at home

- On a sunny day note down the different minibeasts you see. How many of each kind did you spot?
- See if you can double and halve using objects at home.
- Practise writing your numbers to 20. Make sure you get them round the right way.
- Impress your grown-ups with all the digraphs you can remember and write.

Notes for next week 15.05.23

- Please remember book bags, water bottles and a coat every day.
- Please write in the red reading diary when your child has read their reading books at home with you. Once a month a child is chosen for a reading award, and we do look at the red book to help us with our decision.
- All Reception children have an NHS eye screening check on Wednesday 17th May unless you opted them out.

Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday!