

Year F1 Nursery

Dear Parents/Carers & Nursery

I hope you are all well and safe. I will be providing you with a weekly newsletter to help you and your little ones busy! Our topic this half term is Mini-beasts. This week we will explore the world of spiders. How many spiders can your child find in the house, in the garden? On your daily exercise? Talk about them with your child. Discuss how it moves, where does it live? Why? What does it eat? What eats it? Find out an answers to your child's questions together, use encyclopaedia's and the internet. Find out the answer to this question:- How do spiders kill and eat their prey?

<https://watchandlearn.scholastic.com/videos/animals-and-plants/all-kinds-of-animals/tricky-spiders.html>



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Just a Minute!

This activity fosters coordination and motor skills. **Materials:** space (indoor or outdoor), timer or clock

Challenge your child to see how many jumping jacks they can do in a minute. Before they start, have them predict how many they will be able to do. Can they do as many as they thought?

Then have your child try it with other kinds of movements too, like push-ups, sit-ups, or arm circles. This is a great activity to return to day after day. Can kids beat their own records?

Summer term 2020 week 1 I hope you enjoy these activities; please send me messages and uploaded pictures on nurseryhomelearning@hogarthacademy.co.uk
Thank you

Read Spider stories, try the Very Busy Spider By Eric Carle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfLOg-XRxnA>

Can you think of an animal. They will act like this animal for one minute **without making any sound**. Can anyone guess which animal they are being? After one minute, if the animal has not been correctly guessed, your child can make noises too (but NO words!). Some spiders are named for how they look—like the wolf spider or the pumpkin spider. Pretend you discovered a new kind of spider. Draw it. (Be sure to give it eight legs and a body

Name it!



Numeracy

How many spiders did you find, let me know! Can you make a mark (tally) for each spider? Make a spider using playdough and make 8 legs. Egg boxes, pipe cleaners, paper etc.

Count out 8 cars, felt tips etc.

CREATIVE DEVELOPMENT



Whilst on a walk in my local community, I came across some signs which I thought was a lovely idea.

Hey, Neighbour! This activity fosters creativity and empathy. **Materials:** paper, felt tips, chalks, paints

Point out to your child that a lot of people are staying home right now and can't play with their friends and neighbours. Ask your child: *What is a message or a wish you would like to share with people in our community?* Then have them make a sign to share that message with your neighbours. Put the sign in your window or in your front yard so that other people who are staying home can see it when they look outside. And when you look outside, see if you can spot signs or messages that other people have made!