

Dear Parents and Carers,
Term Two Week Three
November 2025



EYFS Weekly
Newsletter
Autumn Term 2

Vocabulary explored: greedy, devour, arachnid, habitat, spinnerets, stretched, concoction, deceive

Other Key vocabulary: prey, whole, country, spin, silk, attach, rules.

This week, our learning was inspired by the traditional tale of Anansi. The children were incredibly curious and became completely absorbed in discovering more about spiders—both those native to Wye and others that live as far away as Australia and South America.

To begin the week, the children drew spiders to show us what they already knew. At the end of the week, they drew spiders again, and the progress was remarkable! They now confidently know that spiders have two main body parts. Whether they remember the names abdomen and cephalothorax remains to be seen—but they certainly enjoyed learning them!

Throughout the week, the children generated thoughtful questions about spiders and were eager to research the answers. They were particularly surprised to learn that not all spiders spin webs, and that the webs that are spun can look very different depending on the species. We hope they share some of their new knowledge with you at home.

The children loved exploring the African folktale Why Anansi Has Eight Skinny Legs. The story led us down many exciting learning paths:

practising knot-tying,

testing how stretchy different materials are, and

creating plenty of spider-themed craft.

They also enjoyed retelling the story using character headbands and through imaginative small-world play. Their creativity and confidence in storytelling continue to grow.

The children are becoming increasingly confident in writing CVC words during Drawing Club when they record their 'code'. Please support your child at home by encouraging correct letter formation and helping them maintain a good pencil grip.

In Maths, we began exploring composition, focusing on the foundational concepts of 'wholes' and 'parts'. By investigating their own bodies and familiar toys, the children discovered that whole objects are often made up of smaller parts—and that the whole is always bigger than any of its parts. This understanding forms an important basis for future mathematical thinking.

A firm highlight of the week was decorating spider biscuits! The children showed fantastic concentration and creativity, and they were very proud of their delicious designs. We hope they enjoyed sharing (and eating!) them at home.

Next week, our learning will be based around the classic tale Cinderella, and we look forward to another exciting week of storytelling and discovery.

Dates for your diary

Cinderella Ball 28th November pm. Please send your child into school with party clothes in a named bag. If you are able to donate a food item, please sign up on the lists that will be displayed outside the classroom from Tuesday onwards.

Future Events

On December 11th we would like to invite you to watch your child perform The Nutcracker with Mrs Selwood (The children will perform in groups of 15). You can also join us for a half hour Stay and Play Christmas Craft session. Bumblebees 1pm – 2pm and Butterflies 2pm – 3pm. More information to follow.