



We've had another lovely week, all the children enjoyed meeting the class caterpillars and they have just started to move into the cocoon stage of their life cycle. Soon they will be turning into butterflies. We are also very excited about the chicks and ducks to arrive in Early Years. The children will have lots of exciting things to tell you.

In Literacy this week, we will continue with our text, 'The Very Busy Spider'. We will use role play and a story map to help us learn to retell the story. We will draw our own story maps. We will also perform retelling the story with actions, look out for our performance on our class page of the website.

In Maths this week, we will continue practising our counting skills. We will also practice writing our numbers. As part of our counting skills, we will be practising putting numbers in the correct order.

In RE, we will complete our unit 'Easter - Alleluia'. We will recap our previous learning about how Jesus came back to life at Easter and the word Alleluia. We will consolidate our learning about the Easter story and the resurrection of Jesus. **With your child, can you get them to tell you about the Easter story and Jesus coming back to life.**

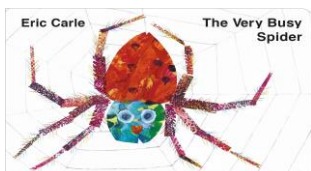
In Understanding the World, we will complete our topic of 'Minibeasts'. We will learn all about worms and make our own wormery and some bee artwork in our continuous provision.

In Expressive Arts & Design, we will continue to think about Minibeasts and we will make beehive patterns using bubble wrap.

Focus words this week: **spider, order, Easter, beehive, counting**

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

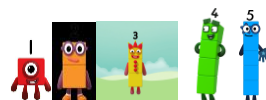
Focus Story: The Very Busy Spider



Rhyme of the week This old Man

This old man, he plays one
He plays one on his old drum, oh yes, yes-yes, uh-huh
Well, he plays one on his old drum, uh-huh
This old man, he plays two
He plays two on his kazoo, oh yes, yes-yes, uh-huh
He plays two on his kazoo, uh-huh
This old man, he plays three
He plays three on his ukulele, uh-huh, yes, yes, uh-huh
He plays three on his ukulele, uh huh
Hear him play!
This old man, he plays four
He play four on his guitar, oh yes (knick knack pattywack)
Yes-yes, uh-huh (give a dog a bone, knick knack pattywack,
give a dog a bone)
He plays four on his guitar, uh-huh
This old man, he plays five
He plays five with his friend Clive, oh yes
Yes, yes, uh-huh

Maths Focus: Counting & Ordering numbers



Can you practice counting?
Can you count different objects, by pointing to each object as you count?
Can you put these numbers in the right order?

Story Time

Reading books will be changed on a Monday.
Please send your child's book bag into school each day with their planner and reading book. Please ensure the planner is signed to show that you have read with your child. Thank you.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth, Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Machin (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett.



As the weather is improving, please ensure your child has sun cream applied to them prior to coming to school.

Please send in a sunhat to wear when we are outdoors. If you want these can be kept in school, please just make sure your child's name is clearly labelled.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: In the morning, when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, when you collect your child, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practice our counting daily, numbers up to 16, when we count the children in class.
- We will read the story 'The Very Busy Spider'.
- We will learn to retell the story through a story map, actions and role play.
- We will draw our own story maps.
- We will perform the story of 'The Very Busy Spider'
- We will practice counting.
- We will practice putting numbers in the right order.
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- We will learn about worms and make our own wormery.
- We will make beehive patterns.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- We will learn to use 1p to pay for our snack at snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will role play in a Doctor's Surgery.
- We will learn about Easter.
- We will learn about Jesus rising from the dead.
- We will learn that Alleluia is a happy word that means praise.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Important dates

Monday 29th April - Incredible Eggs, Chicks and Ducks arrive in Early Years

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY - Monday 6th May - School closed to everyone

Friday 17th May - Mad Hair Day - Pledge a pound to raise money for Fr Hudson. Children can come into school with mad hair. Please bring £1 to support the charity.

Saturday 18th May - School Mass at St Joseph's Darlaston, 4pm. All welcome.

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM - Friday 24th May