

Outdoor Explorers at Home

Wonderful Webs

This week, in our Woodland Explorers session, we have been learning all about spiders, how they make a web and why we should look after them.

To help continue your child's learning and to do some outdoor exploring at home, try these spider-themed ideas.

- **Spider Web Walk** - Explore your garden or a park with your child to look for spider webs. Can you find a spider building its web or repairing a damaged web? You might see a spider catching its prey. You could keep a photo record of how the web changes over time.
- **Spider Hotel** - Create a place in which spiders and other insects can shelter during the colder months. You can make a simple spider hotel in your garden using logs, sticks and old bricks. Keep checking your 'hotel' to see who has moved in!
- **Papier-mâché Spider** - Use a balloon, some strips of newspaper and some wallpaper paste to make a large papier-mâché spider. When the papier-mâché is dry you could paint it black, add some eyes and some black ribbons for legs. You could fill your spider with treats for Halloween and turn it into a piñata game!

This Weeks Outdoor Explorer Tips

- Spiders are very useful. They will clear your house of flies and other insects. There are no dangerous spiders in the UK although some spiders can bite.
- If you do not want a spider in your house, carefully remove it using a glass jar and a piece of card and place it outside.
- House spiders sometimes fall into the bath when looking for water to drink and cannot climb out again. Spiders do not live in your bath or the plug hole! Put a bathmat over the side of the bath to help them escape.