



# WEEK 6: SPIDERS

## NATURE WALK

Head into the outdoors early in the morning and look out for spider webs. Use a digital camera to take photos of these.

## RECIPES TO TRY

Create some spider decorated biscuits!  
Decorate a digestive cookie as a spider by sticking on chocolate buttons for the body and creating legs by piping on melted chocolate.

## Garden Jobs

Harvest beans, pumpkins, squash and peas before the first frost.

Although it's tempting to rake up all the garden leaves try and leave some. The leaves will naturally decompose and form a natural mulch and help fertilize the soil.

## Collect

Make different collections of 8 by going on a walk and providing each child with a treasure box/bag to find 8 of the same item.

## Book Ideas

Spiders by Rebecca Gilpin  
Walter's Wonderful Web by Tim Hopgood  
The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle  
Spinderella by Julia Donaldson and Sebastien Braun

## Provision

Provide a range of loose parts and photos of spiders to allow children the opportunity to create their own representations of them.

In your malleable area make some black coloured playdough with your children and include books or photos of spiders, pipe cleaners, googly eyes, string, wooden numerals and numicon plates to allow children to explore the number 8.

Add some piping to your outside area or water play along with some toy spiders so children can sing and re-tell Incy Wincy Spider.

Provide black sugar paper and white crayons along with photos of webs to inspire children to create their own web representations.

Collect some branches from outside, drape some pretend cobwebs and fairy lights and add some pretend spiders for an area of curiosity.



## WEEK 6: SPIDER FACTS



There are over 650 types of spider in the UK.

Spiders all have 8 legs and many of them have 8 eyes too.

Spiders make webs by spinning the silk they make from the glands in their stomachs. This is very sticky, stretchy and strong and for about a day and can be used to catch insects to eat. Although some spiders pounce on their prey to catch it.

During September/ October is spider mating season so you might notice more spiders around (or in your bath!) as they look for a partner.



## WEEK 5: WEB BREATHING

To slow breathing down provide the children with a copy of this web. As they breath in trace with their finger along the edge of the web to exhale. Repeat.



Inhale

Exhale

