



Manor Pre-School

'Learning Together, Achieving Our Best'

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This Half Term's Learning –

We are looking at some more of the very colourful books by the author Eric Carle; this week was 'The Very Busy Spider.' We had lots of fun activities linked to the story to support the children's learning.



Physical activity, negotiating the spider's web, quite tricky as the children had to balance on one leg and step through. They also needed to wait for their turn.

Threading to make a spider; encouraging the children to manipulate the pipe cleaners through the holes



Weaving to make fantastic spider webs!

Maths

We have been counting spiders in their webs and had to match the number of spiders, we found amongst the spider web in the big tuff tray, to numerals.



We even had a spider for snack!

The children counted out 8 potato sticks for the spiders legs.

Mark Making

This week's exploring with mark making involved spider plates of sand and salt! Some excellent mark making and brilliant letter writing.



Outside Play

Lots of fun outside this week which has meant we have been putting on waterproofs and wellies. Unfortunately some shoes, wellies and waterproofs have not been named; this can cause distress to your child when they cannot identify their own. We have also had difficulty ensuring children have gone home in the correct shoes as they have not been named. Your assistance with this will be greatly appreciated. *N.B. From the week commencing 7th March we shall be marking any unnamed items with the children's names.*

Next Week – World Book Day

The children at Manor school are dressing up as a book character on Thursday 2nd March for World Book Day; your child is welcome to join in with this too.

Please note that we have strict staff/child ratios to follow to ensure the safety and quality of provision that each child deserves. **Therefore we are unable to accept children at pre-school if they have not been previously booked in and a place confirmed.** If your child is not on the register then they will not be able to attend. For similar reasons if your child is ill or misses a pre-school session it is not possible to swap to another day.

Safety Please make sure that you have included a code word on your child's registration form which can be used if a different adult collects your child from pre-school. We will not be letting any child leave pre-school unless we are confident that an approved adult is collecting. It is also helpful if you can write in the link books if someone else is collecting your child as these are checked every morning.