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Dear Parents,

This week we are focusing on the book *Aaargh Spider!* It is a fun story about how a spider wants to be a pet. We will be talking about pets and asking the children to write what types of pets they would like and why. We will also look at a wide range of other animals and come up with some convincing arguments to decide if they would make good pets or not! We will be using spiders as our inspiration for art and crafts work this week as well as using spiders to help with our counting.

We have been learning about the life cycles of flowers and butterflies; this week we learn about the life cycle of a spider. We teachers have just found out the name of baby spiders! Do you know? Please ask your child this week after school to see if they do!

We will also set up a Spiderman role play area - his office will be taking calls from people who need help! We also hope this will inspire the children to think of other superheroes - maybe *Butterfly Girl* or *Beetle Boy*.

In maths, we will be doing lots of counting and sharing (practically using objects). We will be asking questions like: How many do you have? Can you share it between 4 equally? How many does each person have now? Are there any left? The children have been practising writing numerals, if you have time please ask them to practise writing them at home too.

In Phonics, we will continue practising what we have learnt so far and focus more on the writing and spelling of words - not just the reading. The children are enjoying using the bookmarks with the HRS words - please keep practising until your child is very fluent with every word on the bookmark.

Best wishes,
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