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# Mayflower Topic Letter

## Kapoor Class

### Autumn Term

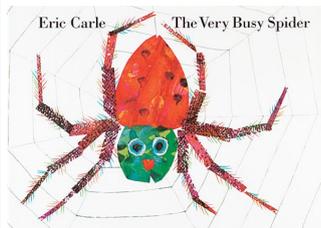
Welcome to Kapoor Class! This half term we will be focusing on settling in to Nursery and enjoying our time at school.

#### Topic

Mayflower is a story-telling school. Each half term, your child will learn a new story. This half term, we are learning about *The Very Busy Spider*. We will be telling the story all together and encouraging your child to join in with full sentences. Ask your child about the story at home!

#### Literacy

Reading is one of the most important aspects of learning in Nursery. Support your child by reading at home with them



**every day.** As well as enjoying a daily story, we will introduce **Shared Reading.** This daily session introduces fundamental concepts of reading to your child, including direction

of print, title, and the difference between words and pictures.

Your child will have lots of opportunities to improve their mark-making. They will begin to read and write their name. We will send home a name card so you can practise at home.

#### Communication and Language

We have a whole school focus on improving Spoken Word and we will be expecting your child to speak in full sentences. Help your child at home by talking to your child about their time at school, and model good listening in return. We are also focusing on **Mayflower Manners.** Encourage your child to say 'good morning', 'please' and 'thank you'.

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will work hard to form positive relationships with your child. We will introduce your child to the routines of the class and support them in managing their feelings and behaviour. We will also focus on developing independence and self-confidence.



#### Physical Development

Your child will have daily opportunities to develop their gross and fine motor skills, both indoors and outside. We will encourage your child to become confident and independent whilst using the toilet and washing their hands. We expect children to try and dress themselves. Help your child practise putting on their clothes at home.



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#### Maths

Your child will be introduced to number concepts through songs, games and practical activities. Help your child by counting in as many ways as possible—e.g. *how many buses can we see on the way to school?* We will also be focusing on 2D shapes and will be talking about their properties by using real life objects.

#### Understanding the World

This half term we will be using our outdoor area to encourage to comment and ask questions about the world. We will continue to grow and plant in our garden. Help your child by talking about what you see around you when you walk to school.

#### Expressive Arts and Design

We provide a wide range of opportunities for your child to develop their creative skills. Our Class Artist is the sculptor **Anish Kapoor**—we will be looking at his sculptures and making our own, inspired by his work.

