

Incy Wincy Spider

Introduction

This is a great rhyme to sing together.

*'Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the water spout,
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,
So, Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the spout again.'*



Activities

Sing the rhyme together –

Use lots of actions and act out the spider climbing up the drain pipe. When the rain comes down, mimic the raindrops falling. Open your arms out wide to show the sun coming up. You can also make up your own actions. This is great for learning about prepositions, such as up, down, high and low.

Make your own spider

Try making them from pom poms, a ping pong ball, a rolled up sock or whatever you can find to improvise. What will you call your spider? Will it be Sid, Sammy, Sol, Sandra, Sindy, Sonya or Simon? Can you think of other names that start with an 's' (This is great for early phonic activity).

Talk about spiders

Talk about spiders and how they have 8 legs. Your spider's legs could be made from strips of cardboard, paper straws, wool or pipe cleaners. Can you count out loud together up to 8?

Facts

- All spiders have 8 legs but they don't all look the same. Spiders come in all different shapes, sizes and colours.
- Most spiders are not dangerous and some people keep them as pets.
- Spiders are called arthropods which means they have an exoskeleton on the outside of their bodies.



Research spiders

You may want to do some research on spiders. What interesting facts can you discover? Did you know that only a few spiders are harmful and most are really helpful; some catch flies for example.

Draw or make spider webs

You could cut out a piece of card, draw on lines and then create some holes. You can then weave a web using some wool or string. You could also make your own paper spider to sit on the web.

Read stories about spiders

If you have stories about spiders then you can read them together, e.g. Eric Carle's 'The Very Busy Spider'. You might share rhymes such as Little Miss Muffet or There was an old lady who swallowed a fly. Talking about the stories and rhymes together is a great way to support language skills. You might want to introduce new vocabulary to enrich your child's use of words e.g. how do spiders move? Rather than, just saying 'run'...do they scurry, creep or crawl?

