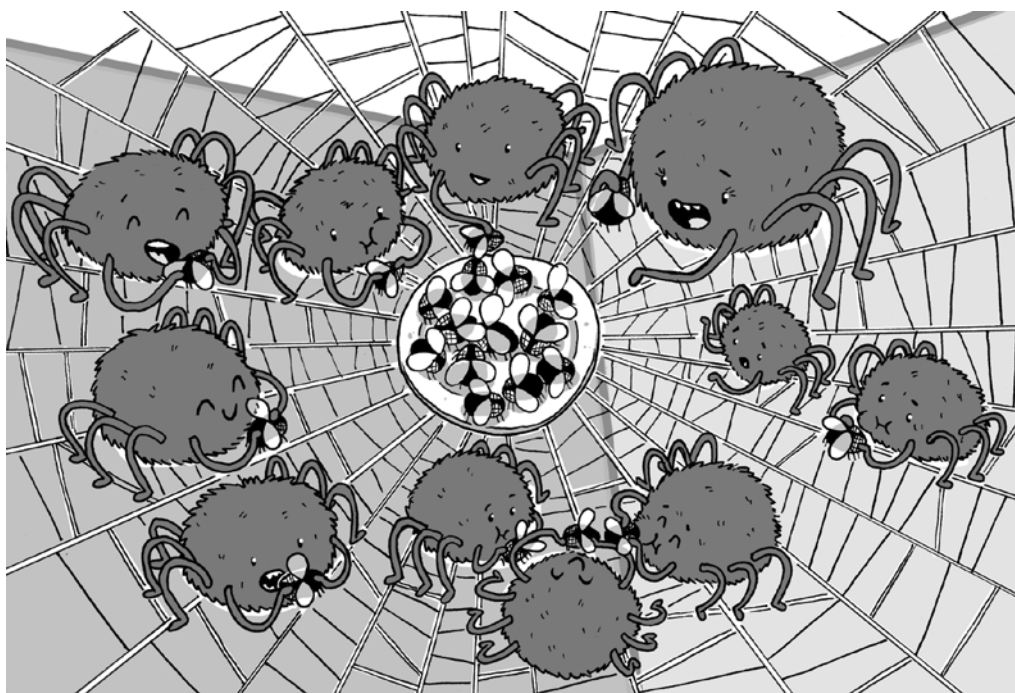


Spinderella

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The children of Scuttleton Primary School were eating their dinner – fish fingers, potatoes and peas. High above them, on the ceiling of the dinner hall, the spiders of Scuttleton Primary School were eating their dinner – flies, flies and flies.



“How many flies have we got today, Mum?” asked Spinderella, the smallest spider.

“Lots,” said Mum.

“Loads,” said her nine brothers and sisters, with their mouths full.

“Loads isn’t a number,” complained Spinderella.

“Never mind about numbers, eat up your flies,” said her Mum.

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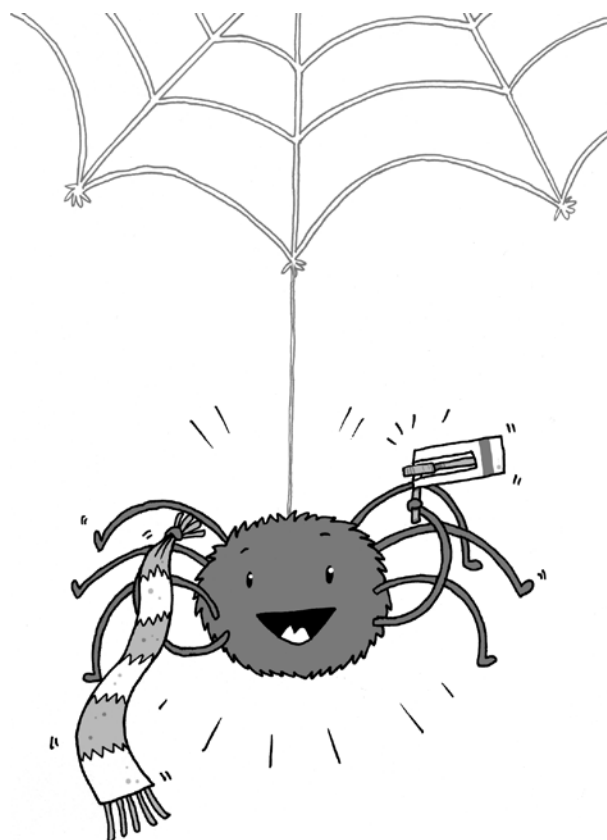
After dinner the children went out to play. Spinderella swung down from the web like a yo-yo. She hung there looking out of the window into the playground.

"It's football!" she cried.

In a flash her mum and her nine brothers and sisters were swinging beside her. All the spiders' eyes were fixed on the football game.

"What a tackle!" they cried, and, "Go, go. Go."

Then, "GOAL!" they all yelled. They clapped their spindly legs and nearly let go of their threads. The children scored goal after goal.



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