

Nature SMASH!

LONG-LEGGED SPIDER CRABS ARE FOUND IN UK WATERS!

Did you know?
Although most starfish have five arms, some species can have up to 40!



SPOOKY SPIDER CRAB

There are lots of different species of spider crab in the world, but the Japanese spider crab is the biggest - with a **claw span of up to 5.5 m!** Spider crabs live deep under water, some **up to 300 m down**. Japanese spider crabs might be able to **live for 100 years!**

LOL!
How do you make an octopus laugh? With tentacles!

Mini make

Make a salt-dough starfish!

- YOU WILL NEED**
- * 260 g of flour
 - * 130 g of salt
 - * 240 ml of cold water
 - * A big mixing bowl
 - * A tooth pick or a fork
 - * Paint and a paintbrush

HOW TO MAKE

- 1 Mix the flour and salt together, then stir the water in gradually until it forms a dough.
- 2 Roll the dough into a ball, flatten it and make a starfish shape!
- 3 Use a toothpick to make all the knobbly bits on its arms.
- 4 Leave it to air-dry overnight or pop it in the oven for about an hour at 200°C
- 5 Once your starfish is dry and hard, paint it and show it off!



Best 5 mysterious mythical sea creatures!

5 THE LOCH NESS MONSTER The mysterious beastie hiding in Loch Ness... come out, come out wherever you are!



4 THE FINFOLK In Orkney folklore, the Finfolk were shapeshifters who would venture onto land from their underwater homes. Once there they'd abduct and marry islanders in order to put them to work.

3 SIRENS Greek mythical creatures with beautiful singing voices, sirens lure ships onto rocks - look out!



2 KELPIES Shapeshifters from Scottish and Celtic folklore. They usually take the form of a horse and live near water, preying on humans!

THE KRACKEN - A gigantic sea monster deep in the ocean that dragged whole ships under the waves.



Did you know?

A vampire squid can have black webbed skin just like a vampire's cape. Spooky!

CREATE A HOME FOR FROGS AND TOADS

In autumn, frogs and toads will be looking for somewhere cosy to spend the winter. You can help by creating a special underground home for them in your garden. It's really easy - all you need is some stones, twigs, logs and an adult to help you dig a hole. Go to rspb.org.uk/froghome for instructions and a video.



INVESTIGATE A ROCKPOOL

Rockpools are home to all kinds of cool creatures, so when you next visit a rocky beach, take a net and bucket and see what you can find. Rockpooling counts towards a Wild Challenge award, so remember to go to rspb.org.uk/summerchallenge and tell us what you've discovered.



BECOME A POO PROFESSOR!

To us humans, poo is yucky, but for many animals it's really important. Otters use their smelly "spraints" to mark their territory, and magpies even eat other animals' poo to get extra nutrients. All good nature detectives need to know their animal poo, so test your knowledge with our online game at rspb.org.uk/whosepoo.



CATCH A FALLING LEAF

Autumn is a brilliant time to grab your coat and wellies and head to the woods. The leaves will be turning to vibrant shades of red, orange and yellow, and on windy days you'll see lots of them swirling in the wind. It's said to be good luck to catch a falling leaf - give it a go!

LOL PICS!



"We're out of here!"



"These things are scary! Quick, let's cuddle!"



* BEST 5 * Spooky sea dwellers!

- 5 Sea spider
- 4 Batfish
- 3 Giant tube worm
- 2 Goblin shark
- 1 Vampire squid