**Anansi and the pot of wisdom**

A tale from Ghana

**Anansi was a greedy spider.**

Have a spider toy to pass round or use your hands to tickle and jiggle with the children.

**He was also very clever, but he didn’t want to share his wisdom.**

Sign and symbol for clever – get children to join in signing it on their foreheads.

**So he made a clay pot,**

Pass round soft squishy clay/playdough to squeeze and press.

**And baked it in the hot sun and strong winds until it hardened.**

Hair dryer.

**Anansi poured all of his wisdom into the pot.**

Pour glitter, beads and sequins or silver shredded foil into a clay pot or a bowl – do this in front of each child in turn so they can help fill the pot.

**He decided to carry it across the river, to hide it in a dark cave where no-one could see it.**

Cover children with a large piece of fabric or blanket – play peekaboo!

**But the stones in the river bed were slippery, and Anansi stumbled.**

Feel the lumpy bumpy texture– preferably with feet.

**He dropped the pot and it smashed with a loud crash!**

Bang the metal bowl or pan with a spoon.

**All of Anansi’s wisdom was washed away in the water,**

Pour the glitter and beads or silver foil into the metal bowl or pan filled with water, and let the children wash their hands in it.

**And the wisdom spread through the bubbles of the river, far and wide across the world.**

Bubbles!

**The End.**

**Props you will need:**

* Spider toy (if you have one)
* Play dough
* Hair dryer
* Shredded foil or beads and sequins
* Clay pot if you have one or any bowl
* Large piece of fabric or a blanket
* Lumpy texture to feel (eg cupcake tray, icecube tray or pebbles)
* Metal bowl or pan
* Wooden or metal spoon spoon
* Water
* Bubbles