This spider is an art work by the artist Louise Bourgeois. Like lots of people, Louise Bourgeois thought spiders could be scary, but she also saw things from another point of view. She saw that spiders could be “clever, patient, neat, and useful”.

This year, the people at Kettle’s Yard are practising seeing things from another point of view and exploring EMPATHY. “What is empathy?” It’s about understanding and sharing what someone else is thinking or feeling. Even if you think they’re completely different from you!

Try this out. Use your imagination to think how the world might look and feel to a spider.

ACTIVITIES

- Draw what the world might look like through a spider’s eyes.
- Write a short story from the point of view of a spider.
- Tell someone else your story and show them your picture. Does it make them see spiders differently to before?

For more information about Kettle’s Yards Campaign for Empathy and to download a Family Empathy Activity pack, visit: www.kettlesyard.co.uk/campaignforempathy