

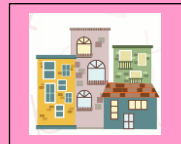


Southridge First School
'Proud to Make a Positive Impact'

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This week we have been sorting by size colour and shape.

Top Tips for home



Below are 2 links that will take you to some online games to help to support your child with the concept of sorting by size, colour and shape.

[Sort by color, shape, or length — Online game for preschool & kindergarten](#)

Mammoth Maths

- **Activity:** Children drag objects into boxes based on their colour, shape, or size.
- **Skills Developed:** Visual discrimination, categorization, and fine motor skills.

[Sock Sort - Recognising patterns, matching sizes](#)

ICT Games

- **Activity:** Match socks by size, shape, and colour from a pile.
- **Skills Developed:** Pattern recognition, matching, and sorting.



In the learning environment this week we have used conkers in the water tray with tools like nets, spoons, and tongs is a brilliant way to support:

Fine Motor Coordination

- **Grasping and releasing** with tongs strengthens hand muscles and improves control.
- **Scooping with spoons** helps with wrist rotation and hand-eye coordination.
- **Fishing with nets** encourages bilateral coordination and visual tracking.



Additional Benefits

- **Sensory exploration:** The texture and weight of conkers in water provide rich tactile feedback.
- **Problem-solving:** Children figure out which tool works best for different tasks.
- **Language development:** Great opportunity to introduce vocabulary like *float*, *sink*, *grab*, *scoop*, *heavy*, *light*, etc.



An idea for
bathtime?

Learning to Be Quiet and Still — Building Listening Skills

This week, we've been helping children explore the difference between being **quiet and still** and being **noisy and active**. Learning to adjust between these states is a key part of developing **strong listening skills** and **self-regulation**.

Through fun activities, games, and gentle reminders, children are learning how to:

- Pause and listen carefully
- Follow instructions
- Recognise when it's time to be calm or energetic

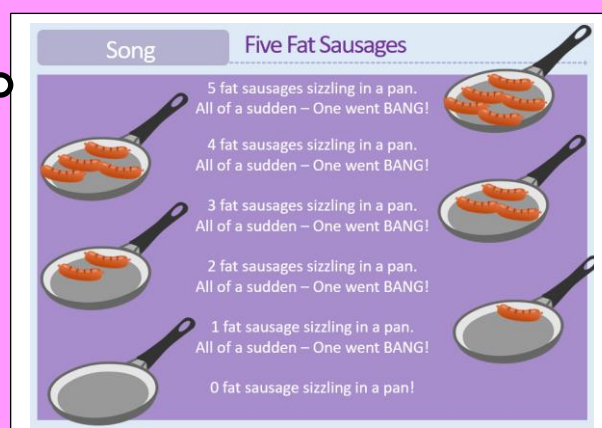
These skills are essential for group learning, building friendships, and preparing for school routines. You can support this at home by playing simple games like "Freeze and Listen" or enjoying quiet story time together.

We used cards for quiet (red) and noisy (green). This helped to give the children visual clues to help them.

A lovely way to practise this at home is with the seasonal song "**Dingle Dangle Scarecrow**". It begins with children curled up quietly on the floor, then leaping up to sing and dance like a scarecrow — a fun and engaging way to reinforce the concept of switching between quiet and noise.

You will find this song on line if your child needs a prompt.

Rhyming is a crucial component of phoneme awareness which, is essential for learning to read and spell.



Important diary dates and information

Christmas card orders: The deadline for orders, has been amended, they must be placed no later than 12pm on Wednesday, 15th October 2025

Christmas Performances: Tuesday 9th December 2.15 pm for afternoon Nursery.
Friday 12th December 9.30 am for morning Nursery .