



## Southridge First School Nursery Newsletter 9th October 2020

We have been **extremely proud** to see the children coming into Nursery independently this week and we would like to say a **huge thank you** to parents for your support with this extra effort to keep each other safe at this unusual time.

Parent Consultations for Nursery children will take place next term in the Spring. All the children have settled extremely well - (if Nursery staff have any concerns or worries about children, we will of course contact parents.)

We have been talking about Autumn and how things are changing in the Nursery garden. The children have enjoyed collecting leaves and they were amazed at how many different colours we found as well as different shapes and sizes. We put these leaves to good use in Nursery by using them for leaf rubbings and printing.



Following our story about the problem a hedgehog had on a very stormy day when his home blew away, our challenge this week was to build a new home for the hedgehog. We went up to our forest area and the children worked in small groups to collect any objects they needed then made their own home. We were particularly impressed with how carefully the children thought about what would keep the hedgehog warm and comfortable!



As part of our focus on listening we have been on listening walks to find out what we can hear around the school as well as outside. We were surprised to find that when we listen really carefully we hear things that we didn't know were making a noise. For example when we stood really still we heard a whistle on the big yard, people talking, children playing, birds, cars and aeroplanes amongst many other things. These sorts of activities help the children to discriminate between different sounds which they need to be able to do to help them discriminate between letter sounds. You could go on a listening walk around your house and see how many different things you can hear. We would love to hear how you get on!

In Nursery every child has a learning journey where we document their progress throughout the year. We would love you to contribute to your child's learning journey and you can do this by emailing me a photograph and a brief example of your child's learning/progress at home. We also love to hear the child's voice (exactly what they have said) so feel free to add their comments.

Previous examples of contributions from parents:

*.... got ready all by herself this morning! She said, "I can do my shoes myself."*

*....counted out the knives and forks and made sure there was enough for everyone then helped to set the table.*

*....is very proud that she can now zip up her coat.*

*....was a super help at home. He helped to sort the laundry by finding the matching socks and putting them together.*

*....is very kind to his baby brother. He fetches things we need to change his brother and he sings to him.*

*After lots of practise, this weekend, ...has learnt to ride her bike without stabilizers!*

Please send anything for your child's learning journey to  
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Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday.  
The Nursery Team