



Southridge First School

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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!



Over the last few weeks we have been supporting the children with putting on their coats and teaching them a method which will help those who are finding it difficult. We ask the children to lay their coat on the floor with the hood at their feet (the coat is upside down at this point). They then put their hands into the sleeves and flip it over their head. Children don't have to use this method, many children can already put on their coat successfully using other methods. We are very proud of how hard they are trying to get themselves ready to play in the garden.

This week we have been thinking about counting and have tried out counting in different ways, we particularly love to move as we count so we jump, stamp, or stretch as we say each number. This week we have been looking at the number zero and have learned a rhyme to help us recognise and write it for those children who are ready.



Around and round and round we go,
when we get home we have a zero.

We have also learned a 'magic finger' song. This helps us to get our finger ready for counting objects. See if your child can remember how to sing it!

'Show me your magic finger, show me your magic finger,
Show me your magic finger, in out in out kerching!



In the garden this week the children have been helping to plant new daffodil bulbs in the wellies, this helps them begin to understand the growth cycle and watch the changes that occur over a period of time. We are looking forward to seeing them flower in the Spring.

We discovered lots of the apples have been falling off the tree in our garden. Rather than waste them we decided to collect them and turn them into a tasty apple crumble. The children helped to peel and chop the apples then weigh out the ingredients for the crumble. They did really well at their first try of cooking in small groups.



This week we have also tried mark-making in different ways. As well as using crayons and pencils to draw on paper, we have also dipped sticks in mud before drawing on paper and also used our hands or other tools to mark-make in a layer of shaving foam. It was messy but lots of fun!

Many thanks for all the emails this week. Please continue to send anything for your child's learning journey to helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk
Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday.
The Nursery Team