



Southridge First School Nursery Newsletter 8th October 2021

Drop off Next week!

We are delighted at how quickly the children have settled. With this in mind, we'd like to make some small changes to drop off time. Next week, we would like parents/carers to come up the ramp and hand children over to Mrs Waller who will be waiting at the door to welcome your child. Mrs Strong will support your child in the cloakroom and guide them through to the Nursery classroom where Miss Heads or Mrs Mason will be ready to greet them too. We hope parents/carers understand that this approach is necessary to reduce the amount of adults crossing in the cloakroom and the narrow corridor. We have been preparing the children this week and we are confident that they will adapt quickly. Indeed, some are extremely excited about this next stage in their independence.

Forest Challenge - At the beginning of the week we listened to a story about a little hedgehog who had a big problem. The hedgehog's home blew away on a very windy autumn day! We all went up to our forest area to build a new home for the hedgehog. The children worked in small groups to collect the natural objects they needed for building. We were particularly impressed with how carefully the children thought about to keep the hedgehog warm and comfortable!

3 or not 3?



The children were shown a series of photographs, some of which contained 3 objects. Lots of the children could see 3 without counting. To support your child, you could point out groups of 3 when you're out and about at the weekend

Listening skills

As part of our focus on listening skills we have been practising listening very carefully to what we can hear indoors and out. 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, a skill that they will need when they learn to discriminate between letter sounds. You could go on a listening walk around your house and see how many different things you can hear.

Welcome to Nursery, Mrs Strong!

There has been a small change to staffing within our early years team and from next week you will see Mrs Strong around Nursery a lot more. As part of a transition period, Mrs Strong has already been spending time in Nursery so the children know her well.

Have a super weekend everyone! The Nursery Team.