Thistledown Lane

Skye Comes Home

Series 3 · Episode 2

Free teaching pack · Ages 3 to 7



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A gentle claymation series about kindness, friendship and the seasons on an English country lane.

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For grown-ups

The story

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The lesson

A real friend is worth waiting for.

🌿 Nature fact: Swallows mend their nests with mud

Swallows spend the winter far away in Africa and fly all the way back in spring, often to the very same nest. They build and mend their nests with little beakfuls of wet mud, mixed with bits of grass.

💬 Talk about it

- Why was Skye's nest broken?
- Why did Skye need mud?
- How did Barnaby help?
- Who is a friend you were happy to see again after a long time?

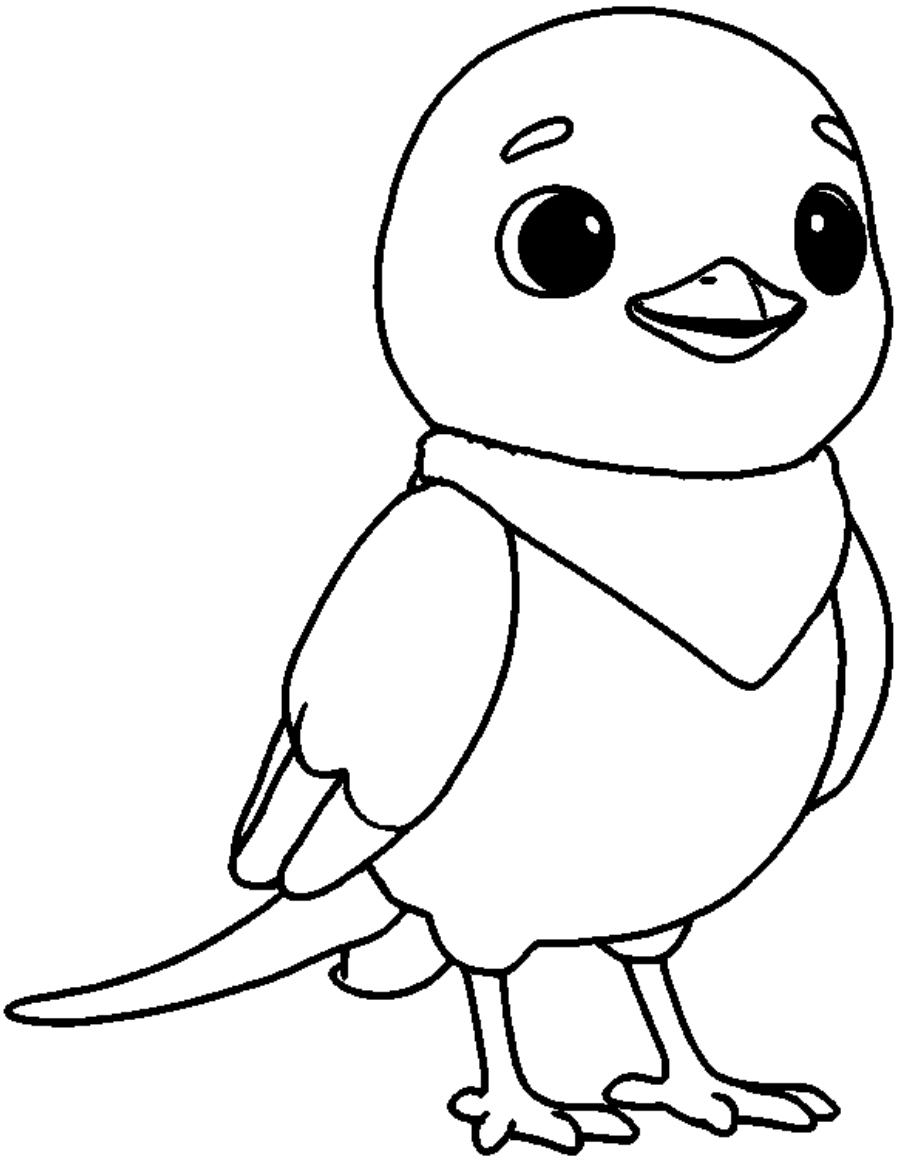
✂️ Try this: Mud building

Mix some soil and water into sticky mud, and try building a little nest shape on a tray, a pinch at a time, like a swallow. Add dry grass to help it stick. How long does it take?

📚 Curriculum links

EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Understanding the World (the natural world); Expressive Arts and Design.
Key Stage 1: PSHE (relationships, feelings); Year 1 Science: animals (birds); seasonal changes.
Themes: Friendship and coming home, Birds and migration, Building with natural materials.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw Skye's mended nest under the barn roof.

My name: _____