Thistledown Lane

Sorrel's Spring Coat

Series 3 · Episode 5

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

The bits of you that you're embarrassed about can turn out to be a gift to somebody else.

🌿 Nature fact: Foxes change their coats

Foxes grow a thick, fluffy coat for winter. In spring it comes out in tufts, ready for summer. Birds love soft things like fur and feathers to make their nests cosy for their eggs.

💬 Talk about it

- Why was Sorrel losing his fluff?
- How did Sorrel feel about it?
- Who found a use for Sorrel's fluff?
- Have you ever felt embarrassed? What helped?

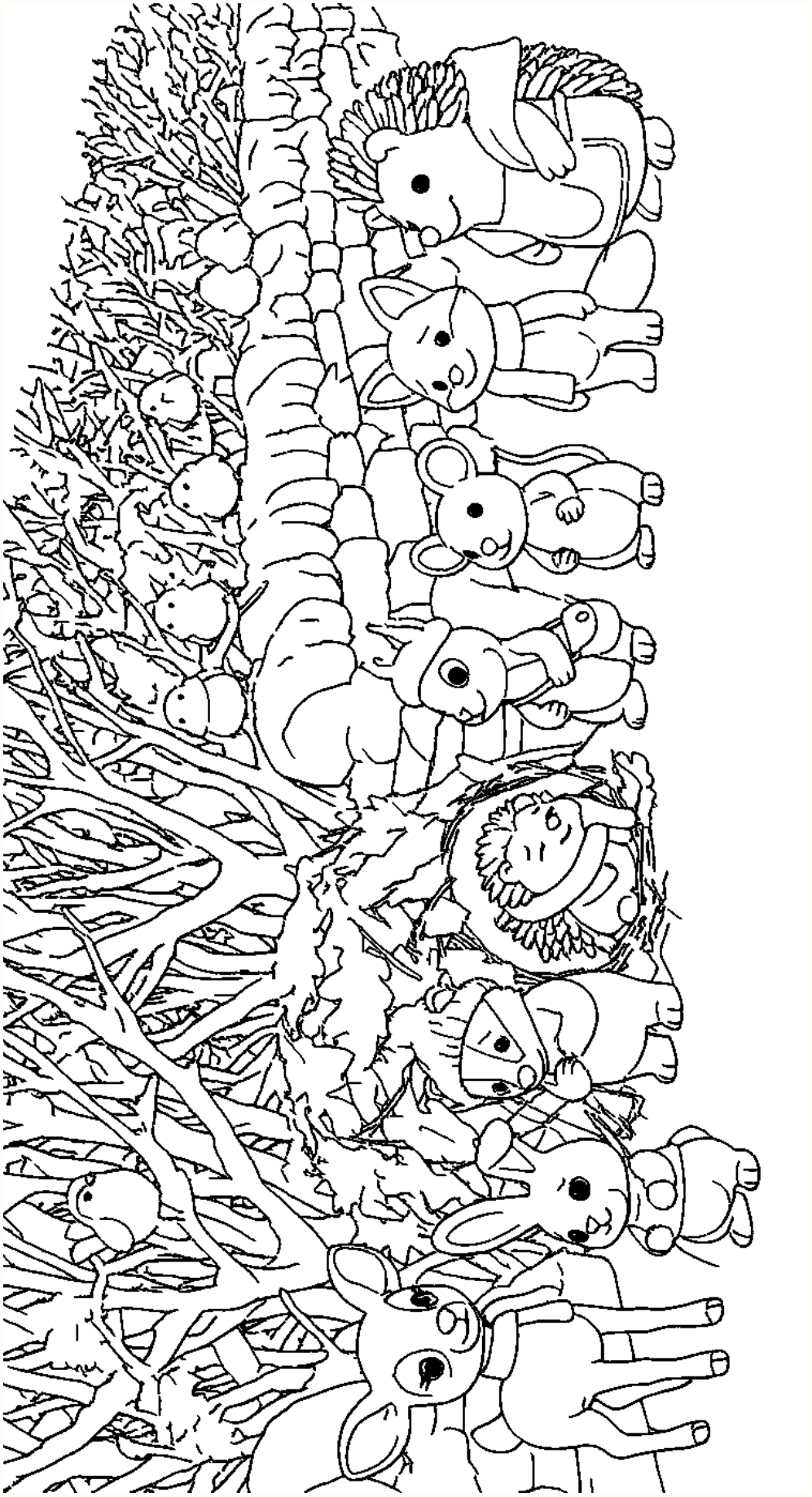
✂️ Try this: Nest-lining pile

In spring, leave a small pile of natural soft things (dry grass, moss, a few small feathers) on a bird table or low branch, and watch to see if any birds take some for their nests. Don't use wool, string or mesh, which can tangle birds' feet.

📚 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: seasonal changes; animals.
Themes: Feelings and embarrassment, How animals change with the seasons, Birds' nests.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw a cosy nest lined with something soft.

My name: _____