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## **Pre-writing skills**

This week, the Hedgehogs' class are going to be developing their fine motor skills through large mark making. They will be holding paint sticks to create large marks on large paper, including straight lines, circles and wavy lines. At home, you could provide the children with a large piece of paper and some chalk in the garden. You can then ask the children to create circles, wavy lines, horizontal and vertical lines.

## **Maths**

This week, the Hedgehogs' class will be exploring shapes. They will be identifying a rectangle and its different properties. For example, the number of sides or the number of corners a rectangle has. At home, you could ask the children to find as many rectangle objects as they can. Remember to explain that a rectangle has 4 pointy corners.

## Literacy

This week, the children will be drawing the different safari and jungle animal prints. At home, you could look at this and point out the different skin prints. For example; zebra's stripes and cheetah's spots. Encourage the children to use the 'pinching crab' technique to hold the pencil, with their thumb and first two fingers.