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The Great Snow Day Mystery

Leo woke up and pulled back his bedroom curtains.
Everything outside was wrapped in a blanket of fluffy white snow!

"Snow day! School is canceled!" yelled his sister, Maya, running down the hall.

After breakfast, Leo and Maya put on their thick winter coats, snow boots, woolen scarves, and waterproof mittens. They dashed into the backyard to build a giant snowman. Maya rolled three huge snowballs for the body, while Leo searched for two sticks for arms and small pebbles for a smile.

Suddenly, Leo gasped. "Maya, look! Our snowman's carrot nose is gone!"

They looked closely at the snow. Right next to the snowman were tiny sets of paw tracks in the snow. The tracks led away from the snowman and straight toward the large oak tree at the edge of the yard.

Leo followed the footprints to the tree trunk. Looking up, he spotted a tiny brown squirrel perched on a branch, happily nibbling on the bright orange carrot!

Leo laughed. "Well, I guess the squirrel needed a winter snack more than our snowman needed a nose!
Maya smiled, retrieved an extra carrot from the kitchen, and fixed their snowman.

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1. Sequence: Place the following events in order from 1 to 4
[ ] Leo and Maya find tiny paw tracks leading to an oak tree
[ ] Maya gets a replacement carrot from the kitchen
[ ] Leo wakes up and sees snow outside
[ ] The children build a giant snowman in the yard.

2. Character Traits: How would you describe Leo's reaction when he found out who took the carrot?
A) Angry and upset
B) Understanding and amused
C) Scared and nervous
D) Confused and sad

3. Context Clues: What clues helped Leo figure out who took the snowman's nose? _____
4. Cause and Effect: Why were Leo and Maya playing outside on a weekday morning? _____