



Birds in winter

During winter birds need our help to find food and water. This may be because the trees are bare and there are not as many insects on the trees or berries that birds like to eat. The ground can be harder too due to the cold and frost so finding bugs and grubs to eat can again be more difficult. Ponds and puddles can be covered with hard ice making finding water more of a challenge too.

We can help by making feeders and putting out food and water for the birds. This week we will focus on birds, the different types we might see when out on a walk or in the garden. How to identify the birds you spot and making a tally of the birds you see which we can add to the RSPB's Big Bird Watch which takes place from the 29th - 31st January.

We hope you enjoy the stories, songs and activities and we look forward to sharing this learning with you.

★ I explore and appreciate the wonder of nature within different environments and can play a part in caring for the environment

Birds you might see when on a walk or visiting your garden



House Sparrow



Starling



Blackbird



Blue Tit



Woodpecker



Magpie



Robin



Wood Pigeon






Common Gull






Making a tally -

Maybe you could make a Tally Chart like this one. Add the birds that you have seen and then over the week make a tally of how many you see when on a walk or in the garden. You could make one for each day of the week.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Monday

Bird	Tally	Total
 Sparrow	IIII	
 Robin	I	
 Blue Tit	III	

Bird Watch Tally		
Birds seen	Tallies	Total
 Robin	III	3
 Blackbird	IIII III	8
 Blue Tit	IIII I	6
 Woodpecker	I	1
 Sparrow	IIII	5

This is a bird tally that Mrs Livingstone made of the birds that visited her garden.

You might want to try making one like this.

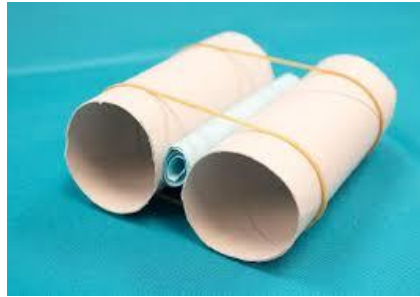


Mrs Livingstone drew some of the birds that visit her garden regularly. If you would like to draw any of the birds that visit your garden or that you see when you are out on a walk we would love to see them.

Make your own binoculars to help with your bird spotting

Can you find things in and around the house that you could use to create your own binoculars?

We look forward to seeing your designs and ideas.



Health and Wellbeing

★ *I am enjoying daily opportunities to participate in different kinds of energetic play, both outdoors and indoors.*

Going on a bird spotting walk

- Can you spot 3 different birds and can you identify them?
- Maybe you could take a photo of the birds you spot and then try to identify them.
- Can you spot any bird nests in the trees or places that you think birds might like to make their home.
- There is an RSPB App that is free to download.



Mrs Gordon's Robin



Miss McKenzie saw these nests as she walked along the railway line and Mrs Dickson saw 3 pigeons in a tree when she was out walking.

Making bird feeders and baths to help the birds during winter

You could have a go at making some bird feeders to hang outside for the birds to eat and enjoy. If you do not have a garden, you could have a walk and find a good place to hang your feeder and then revisit it to see if the birds have found it. The birds need water too so you could also invent your own water feeder.

I tried some different ideas using things from the house and garden. The first one is made from an old milk carton and I have cut 2 holes, added some sticks and then added pieces of my Christmas tree. The Blue Tits really like this one and visit it lots to eat the fat balls I put inside it.



Recycled bottle water feeder



Idea for a bird bath

Expressive Arts

★ I have the freedom to discover and choose ways to create images and objects using a variety of materials.

Origami Birds

Origami is the art of folding paper. This week we will show you how to make a simple origami dove.



Preparing and making yummy bird nests together



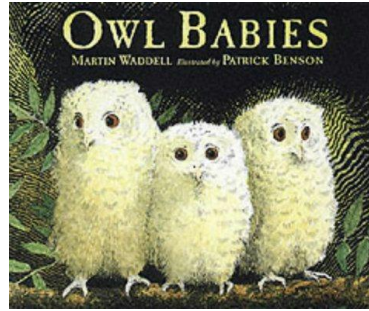
★ Together we enjoy handling, tasting, talking and learning about different foods, discovering ways in which eating and drinking may help us to grow and keep healthy

Winter Watch



Winter watch is on television just now and there are live video cams where you can watch birds feeding, badgers and beavers. The focus this time is to offer encouragement, through nature, to people during lockdown.

The Owl Babies written by Martin Waddell



You can listen to Miss Stephenson reading the story on Seesaw

Ideas to explore the story further



I enjoy exploring and choosing stories and other texts to watch, read or listen to, and can share my likes and dislikes.

Health and Wellbeing:

- *Cuddle up together to share a story*
- *Talk together about the different feelings of the characters in the story and learn more about emotions. How did Percy, Sarah and Bill feel when their mummy was away finding food for them?*

Literacy:

- *Listening to a story from beginning to end*
- *Talking about how stories have a title, author, illustrator, beginning and end*
- *Talking about the people, characters and events in the story*
- *Talking about a favourite part of a story*
- *Predicting what might happen next*
- *Can you read the story to me? Retelling a story in your own words with or without the pictures in the book*
- *Making up your own story through role play, drawing pictures or writing*
- *Be an author and illustrator by writing, drawing your own story in a homemade book*
- *Are there any animals in the story that hibernate during winter?*
- *What do owls do in winter? Do owls come out during the day?*
- *Baby swans are called signets. What are owl babies called?*

Numeracy:

- *Sequencing of events,*
- *How many owl babies are there? How many owls are in the story altogether?*
- *Who is the biggest - smallest?*
- *Positional language - over, under, through*
- *Counting how many characters there are in the story - you could look back through the book together and make a tally*