

HEDGEHOG CLASS HOME LEARNING

Friday 1st May 2020

FLY AWAY FRIDAY!

Topic:



The World around us!

Thinking about our theme of Birds this week, below are some ideas of activities you might like to do? Be as creative as you want!



Can you design and make a bird that has moving wings or can move in some way?



Paper Plate Birds
Collage Craft



Can you make a bird from



construction toys?

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Can you make a bird mask and move like a bird?



What sounds do you think your bird makes?

Can you watch and listen to the songs on BBC Nursery Rhymes and work out how many have a bird in? I know a favourite song of Hedgehog Class that has a bird in and an old lady who swallowed something!!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwdgwx>

You might also like Out of the Ark music

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/ootam-at-home/>

If you find Week 2 on Friday there is a song called 'Spring Chicken'

Stories: Can you look through any books you have at home and see if you can find any stories about birds? You might like to look on-line too? After such a busy week you might like to have a quiet time just looking at books?

The Conductor by Laetitia Devernay is unusual - there are no words but music is played by an orchestra as the pictures change. What do you think the moving parts of the story are?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=as0YkQS1IBc>

The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEcc-U_rbws

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPQRiSTYFH0>

Can you make some playdough and make a bird/s from it? A nest? Some eggs?



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Can you make a bird feeder?

There are lots of different ideas on-line but I have added some ideas below you might like?

Make a Bird Feeder

Look after the birds this winter by making bird feeders.

You Will Need:

- Bird seed
- Raisins
- Suet or Lard
- Coconut halves or old yoghurt pots
- String
- Scissors or hand drill
- Mixing bowl



What To Do:

- Cut a small hole in the yoghurt pot or coconut shell and thread a length of string through it.
- Tie a knot to secure it, leaving enough length outside to tie the pot to a tree.
- Allow the lard to warm up to room temperature and cut it into small pieces.
- Mix the lard, seed and raisins in the bowl with your hands until the fat holds the mixture together.
- Fill the yoghurt pots or coconut shells with this mixture and leave to set in the fridge for an hour.
- Hang the bird feeders from trees or a bird table and watch out for any visiting birds!

Ways to extend this activity: Observe the birds visiting the bird feeders and create a graph of the different species. Find the most popular location for the bird feeders by recording the number of birds visiting. Explore different types of bird seed or additional foods such as cheese or apple.

Ways to support children with this activity: Some children may need help threading and tying the string – this could be prepared in advance.

National curriculum links: Identify and name a variety of common animals in their habitats, including birds. Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals for survival. Identify that animals get nutrition from what they eat. Design purposeful, functional and meaningful products.



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Daily Act of Worship/reflection

Click on the link below to take you to the BBC website

Families and Friends: Me and my family (thinking about Family Trees)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04yxmxf>

How to make bird cake

There are lots of different ingredients you can put into making bird cake, but bird cake must always have suet or lard in it to make it set. If you are using suet, meat suet is better than vegetable suet.



Important: The suet or lard needs to be warmed up and melted before it can be used in any bird cake. Make sure you have enough time and ask an adult to help you do this.

Ingredients

Here are some of the many ingredients you can use to make bird cake:

- Wild bird seed
- Raisins
- Cranberries
- Fruit, e.g. grapes, apple (cut up into small pieces)
- Pinwheel oatmeal
- Breadcrumbs
- Bacon rind
- Cheese
- Peanuts suitable for humans to eat (shouldn't be used if any pupils have nut allergies)

Containers

You can put bird cake mixture into lots of different containers to hang in the garden. Here are some suggestions:

- Yoghurt pot
- Coconut shell
- Old food container
- Hollow lightweight log
- Old orange/grapefruit halves
- Plastic drinking cup
- Pine cones
- Half a tennis ball

The container must have string attached so you can hang it up!

What to do

- 1) Put all the ingredients into a bowl and mix them together.
- 2) Pour the warmed-up suet or lard over the mix and stir well. (Half the bowl should be ingredients and the other half should be suet or lard).
- 3) Now the bird cake is ready to be poured into your chosen container.
- 4) Put the container into the fridge overnight for the cake to set. It will be ready to put out for the birds the next day.
- 5) The containers should not be re-used and will need disposing of carefully when they are empty.

If you care for wildlife, it's a good idea to provide clean food and fresh water year-round. A regular supply of food can mean survival, particularly to fledgling birds in spring. Clean containers daily and remove old food to prevent the spread of disease. Raisins can be dangerous to animals such as dogs, so you should feed birds off the ground and make sure you remove any uneaten food that falls to the floor.

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