

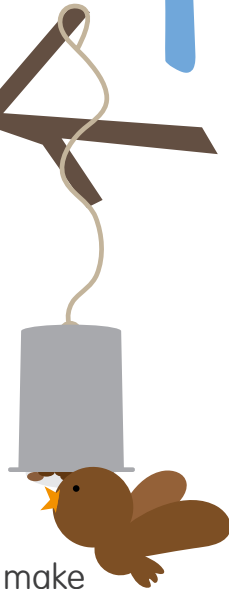
Bird Feeder

Learning Objectives

Children will start to learn about caring for the environment and identifying the different wildlife and habitats within it.

Resources

- Clean yogurt pots, (teacher to make a small hole in the bottom of pots)
- Lard
- Grated cheese
- Garden twine or string
- Scissors
- Peanuts or wild bird seed



Instructions

1. Thread one end of the string through the hole in the pots from the bottom up and tie a knot big enough to stop the string going back through. Leave enough string at the top so it can be tied to a tree or bird table.
2. Allow the lard to warm up to room temperature. Then cut it up into small pieces and put it in the mixing bowl.
3. Get the children to add the other ingredients to the bowl and mix them together with their fingers until the lard binds the mixture together.
4. Ask the children to talk about the different ingredients. Do all birds eat seeds? Some birds e.g. parrots eat fruit. Do we eat the same food as birds?
5. Fill the yoghurt pots with the mixture and put them in a fridge to set. After about an hour they should be ready.
6. Hang your bird feeders from trees or let the children take them home to hang. You could display pictures of common birds around your setting and get the children to identify the birds that visit the feeder.

This activity is unsuitable for children with nut allergies. Don't forget to make sure that the peanuts are suitable for birds to eat.

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- Personal, social and emotional development through exploration, learning skills etc.
- Communication, language and literacy.
- Knowledge of the World – children will learn about different ingredients, what happens when you mix things together.
- Physical development – hand/eye co-ordination, fine and gross motor skills
- Creative development.

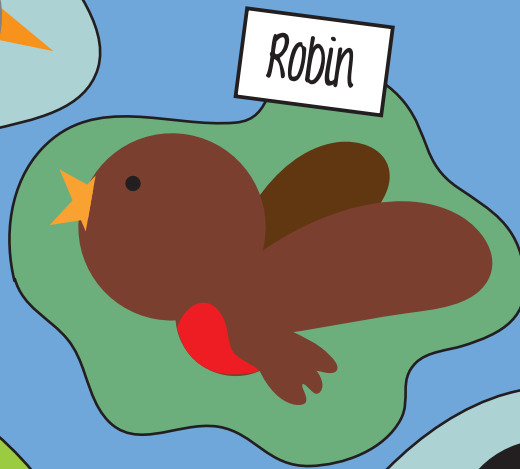
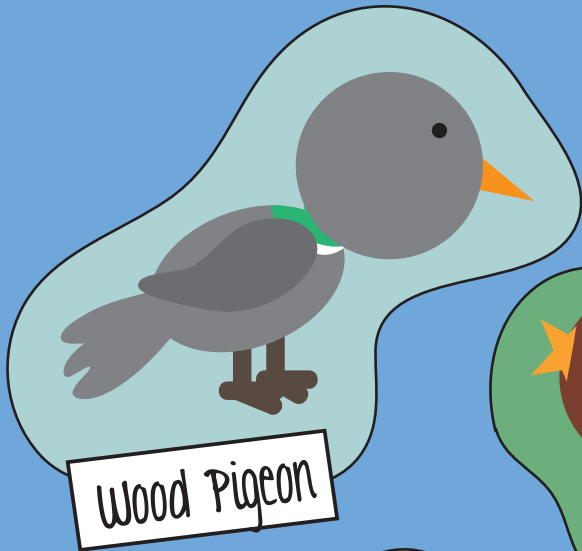
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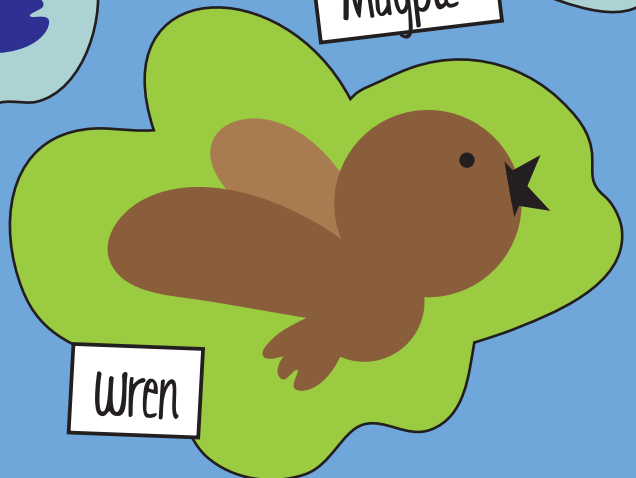
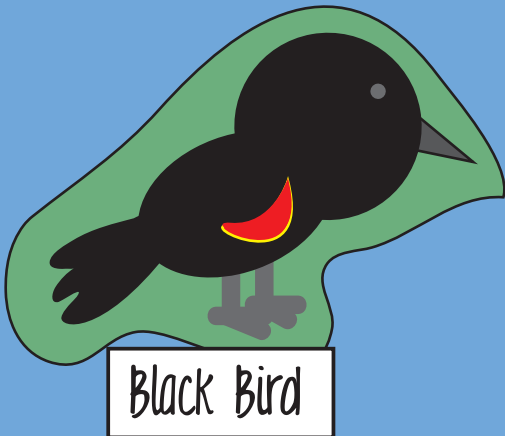
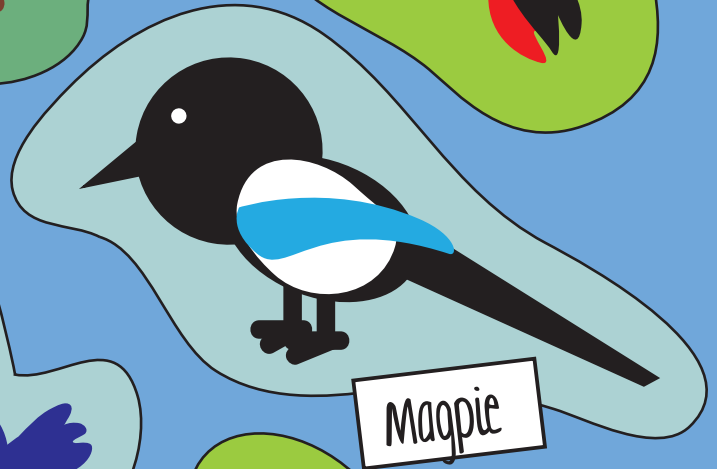
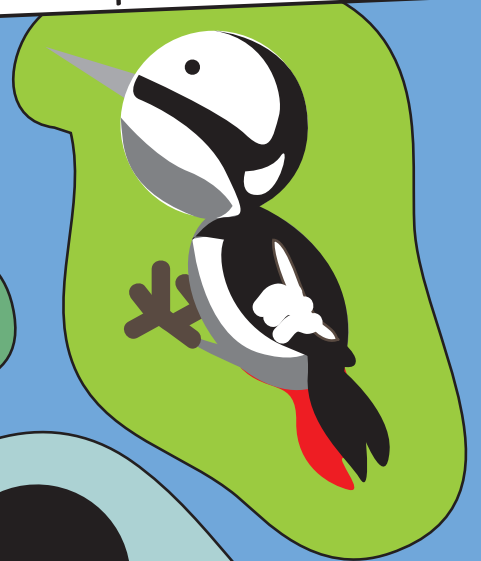
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