



Buckinghamshire Adult Learning

Keep in Touch with Family Learning

Welcome from the Family Learning Team

Thank you to everyone who has been sending in ideas of activities you have been doing at home. We love hearing from you. Exploring the outside, nature and birds are a common theme. We hope you are inspired to try a new activity and do remember to let us know how you get on. It is time to get your children to expand their wings and fly!

Some ideas for all ages ... Share a book

“[The Magpie’s Nest](#)” could inspire the creation of a nest either using natural material or alternatives. One family made a nest and eggs from play dough. Non-fiction books about birds may help identify them in your garden or when you are out on your daily exercise. The library is still available for you to download [e—books](#) or you could print out a [bird spotting poster](#)

Busy Fingers

Have you made a bird feeder? One learner had great fun by using a pine cone, covering it in fat, then putting birds seeds onto it - a fabulously messy job! Once outside, they have been enjoying watching the birds get the seeds. Some other great ideas for home-made bird feeders include: fruit kebabs or empty milk bottles with a hole cut in the front and filled with seeds. If you would like any other ideas, here’s a link to the [rspb website](#).

Time to be active.

Move like a bird. Think about what parts of your body you need to move to be like a bird in motion. Do all birds fly? Do they all fly at the same speed? Which bird is the fastest? Can you move like other creatures you’ve seen in your garden or when out for your exercise? Try moving like a duck, a worm or a snail!

Explore!

The outdoors has come to life! Just listening to the bird song is wonderful—do they all sound the same? One learner told us about a nature hunt they did whilst enjoying being outside. They listed different trees to find and natural materials and used a piece of cardboard with pegs on. Once their child found the leaf or natural material, they clipped it onto the board.

At home they found out facts about the trees .

Older children could use these facts to make a family quiz.

Younger children might enjoy an outdoors colour hunt.

They can peg different outdoor materials to their board matching the colour .



Useful Websites of the Week

[Woodland Trust](#) have great ideas of activities to do and fun facts about the outdoors. You may have a bird box but if not have a look at these [Bird Webcams](#) - what a fabulous view of wildlife!

Memory Box Idea: Keep a record of all the creatures that have visited your garden or you have seen when you are out for your daily exercise.

We would love to hear from you. What activities have you tried? What worked well? What would you like to share with others?

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