

Bird Feeder

Notes

- Include this lesson as a great way of getting children excited and involved in the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch!

Starter

- Ask the children to have a think about what animals need to survive. Food, water, shelter. Ask if there is anything we can do to help our local birds?
- Explain that we will be making our own bird feeders to attract birds to our school and for the children to take home and put up in their garden. Explain that the RSPB does a Big Garden Birdwatch and that they can help by counting the birds in their garden!

Activity

- Have an adult core the apples for the children.
- Thread a piece of string through the hole in the apples and have the children tie a knot at the bottom end of the apple.
- Push sunflower seeds part way in to the apple so that birds can pull them out.
- Make bird perches by poking two sticks into the bottom half of the apple.
- Tie the string to a tree and wait for the birds!
- Explain that it may take time for the birds to come but the children can come and look during their free time and record what birds they can see using the forms in the resource section.

Plenary


- See if the children can think of anything else you can do to help your local birds.
- Encourage the children to keep looking to see what birds are using their bird feeders.

Extension idea

- Design your own special bird house.
- Design your own bird feeder.



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Starling				
House Sparrow				
Chaffinch				
Blackbird				
Blue Tit				
Robin				
Goldfinch				
Great Tit				
				