



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



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Keeping in Touch with Family Learning- Schools Edition 21/22 Feed the Birds

Have fun helping our feathered friends to thrive, while supporting your child to develop their learning

Fun with Words and Sounds



Reading

Share this song with your child. Which birds are mentioned? How do the birds' songs differ? Can they hear birds outside? Can they recognise the birds from their songs? Being able to recognise these sounds will help your child to develop their phonic skills. If you become really good, try the calls on [this page](#)!

Have you ever watched Mary Poppins? Share the song 'Feed the birds' with your child and listen to the words. Can they act out what is happening in the lyrics?

For older children: Look at the lyrics from this song. Get them to identify the rhyming pattern? Can they spot the different word types? What nouns/ adjectives/ verbs can they find?

Discover



Outdoors

Use the resources from this [link](#) and help your child to spot the various birds you have in your garden or in the local area. How many birds can you and your child spot?

Take part in the RSPB big garden bird watch. Go into your garden for an hour between 28th-30th January and count the number of birds that you see. Email your results by using [this page](#).

For older children: In KS2 children need to learn about how animals have adapted. Birds' beaks are all different, they have adapted so that they are the best shape to help them eat the food that they need. Try this [experiment](#) and remember to make your predictions first.

Exploring maths



Maths

Use the results from your bird spotting activities and show this data as a tally chart or bar chart. Which bird was most common in your garden? How many birds did you spot in total?

For older children: Perhaps they can research where some birds go to in the winter. Where do they migrate too? Get them to calculate how far different birds travel when they migrate. Which bird travels the furthest?

Make and learn



Crafts

Make a [bird feeder](#) for the birds in your garden. There are so many things that you can use- paper plates, plastic bottles, loo rolls. Which ones will you try? Or use these 3 great ideas from [CBeebies](#).

For older children: Make some [origami flapping birds](#) or some cute [pom-pom birds](#) by clicking on the link.

New Online Family Learning Courses- Free courses for March 2022

To book all courses and workshops, [click on this link](#), or contact the Enrolment Team on **01296 383582**. For more information contact [Kathryn](#) on **07770 641997**

- **Develop Your Child's Early Reading by Creating Story Sacks** - Reception parents and carers
- **Support Your Child with Reading and Comprehension** - Y1&2 parents and carers
- **Support Your Child with Writing, Grammar and Spelling** - Y3&4 parents and carers
- **Support Your Child's Well-being** - Key Stage 1 or Key Stage 2 parents and carers
- For information on **Early Years** workshops and courses please text/call **Wendy** on **07768 044813**

New Adult Learning Courses

From managing your own wellbeing to gaining **Digital Skills and skills for work** contact: Debbie Garwood 07770 802497, or click on this [link](#)

Is English an additional language for you? Join a free, spoken English class contact Angela Cato on 01296 674463 or email Angela.Cato@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Useful Websites

- [Find free park walks in Bucks for your whole family](#)
- [Support with food, bills and finances Buckinghamshire Council](#)
- [Red Nose Day 18th March](#)