

Hi all,

Thank you for the icy pictures that some of you posted. It looked as though you had lots of fun! This week we are going to think about the birds. At the end of the month the RSPB are doing a big garden birdwatch where they are encouraging people to count the birds that come into their garden at a particular time, as a way of gathering information across the country about which birds are most/least common.

In order to prepare for this, I thought we would make bird feeders to hang in your gardens to encourage birds to visit. The children can thread popcorn or cheerio's onto garden wire, make the wire into a shape and hang up. If you have bird seed at home, they can stick the seed and nuts into apples and hang them up. or mix the seed with lard or peanut butter and spread onto pinecones, in plastic cups, in half a hollowed out orange peel etc. They could also chop up apple pieces and thread onto garden wire with raisins. I look forward to seeing pictures of your fantastic bird feeders.

Also, when you are out and about walking please encourage your children to spot birds.

Do they know what any of them are? If you go to <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/> you will find some great posters to help them name some of the most common birds.

Thanks,
Mrs Gray