

# Carradale Primary School ELC Newsletter

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## Skills focus for this term:

- Learning – understanding, remembering, applying, information handling and digital literacy.
- Being responsible – observing & helping birds/animal in nature.

## Things to look forward to:

- Exploring our local woodland and beach environments in our search for birds.
- Using our construction skills to build our bird feeder and water table.
- Setting up our wildlife camera.
- Animation Project alongside whole school at Campbeltown Picture House.

## Once I Saw a Little Bird

Once I saw a little bird  
Come hop, hop, hop,  
I cried, "Little bird,  
Will you stop, stop, stop?"  
I was going to the window  
To say, "How do you do?"  
But he shook his little tail  
And away he flew.





## All About Birds

Welcome back & Happy New Year!

Over the next few weeks we will be learning all about birds with lots of learning opportunities as we look at all the different species of our local garden, flightless, nocturnal and more exotic.

The nursery applied to Learning through Landscapes and are very fortunate to have been recently awarded a Local Schools Nature Grant, thanks to the players of the People's Postcode Lottery. We will be benefitting from an all year round learning kit, wildlife kit and wildlife camera which will be used to investigate biodiversity in and around our school grounds. We can't wait to build our new bird feeder and bird bath enabling us to observe our garden birds as well as setting up our new wildlife camera to see what wildlife come to visit when we are not here.

"A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, It sings because it has a song."

Maya Angelou

## 10 Bird Facts

1. The feathers of a bird weigh more than its backbone.
2. A chicken in Japan has the world's longest feathers. The length of its tail feathers was 34.7 feet (10.59 meters).
3. Woodpeckers peck on a tree at a rate of 21 times per second.
4. Crows can impersonate the voices of various animals.
5. Pigeons can recognize and learn unique human faces. Pigeons can learn to recognize up to 50 words and can discriminate words from other vocalizations, according to new research.
6. The true knee of a bird is generally concealed by feathers.
7. Birds originated with dinosaurs during the Jurassic period 160 million years ago, according to fossil evidence.
8. The Bee Hummingbird is the tiniest bird across the globe with an entire span of almost 7cm.
9. A Kiwi bird is the only bird that has no wings.
10. An Ostrich can sprint at a rate of 60 miles per hour.

### **Key learning this theme:**

- I can learn about different birds, their environments, lives and diet.
- I can use the Ipad/laptop to find information.
- I can communicate something I've learned about a bird using seesaw/draw & tell or chatterpix.
- I can follow the instructions from a video to create a bird picture/model.
- I can watch a factual or favourite tv show and use what I learn to demonstrate my understanding.
- I can sort birds by different criteria e.g. flightless, nocturnal and exotic.

### **Things that can be done at home:**

- Make some binoculars and use these to spot wild birds in your garden.
- When out a walk look for a feather and use this to paint or perhaps make a quill pen to mark make when you go back inside.
- Do the 'Birdy Dance' with all your family.
- Gather some twigs, grass etc. to make a nest and add some pebble eggs.
- Make a boiled egg in a cup with some toast for your lunch
- Go on a sound hunt as you search for objects that begin with the sound 'b' for bird.