

Friday 19 January 2024

Dear parents and carers

Next week the children will be learning about the garden birds that visit our Nursery garden.

Here are some of the activities we have planned and will be delivering to develop their interest further:

- Monitoring bird boxes
- Talking about what our garden birds eat, regularly topping up our bird feeders and making 'bird-cake' with Hayley Brown (Forest School Leader) to hang up in the garden and Forest School for them
- Bird watching with the help of binoculars and bird identification books
- Painting pictures of garden birds, making model birds with playdough and creating paper plate birds
- Using the iPads and Interactive Whiteboard to research the bird song of robins and blackbirds
- Talking about the similarities and differences between the various garden birds we have spotted e.g. male blackbirds are black but the females are brown.

To develop the children's interest even further we would like the children to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2024. As you may already be aware, it will be taking place on the weekend of 26-28 January and we would love it if you could take part in the world's largest wildlife survey with your child and do something great for nature, if you are able to. Just choose an hour any time over the three days and enjoy spending time in nature, counting birds.

Please visit the following website for further details:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/popular-garden-birds-to-look-out-for/>

We would really appreciate it if you could provide us with photographs of your child taking part. These can be emailed to [nurserylearning@woodside.shropshire.sch.uk](mailto:nurserylearning@woodside.shropshire.sch.uk)

We will then share them with the children in Nursery to spark conversations about what they have been doing and ultimately what they have learnt.

Thank you for all of the lovely photographs and observations that were sent to us following the Christmas holidays. The children really enjoyed sharing the photographs with their friends, helping them to remember what they had been doing during the holidays.

Yours sincerely



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Nursery Leader