

## Overview

A creative activity exploring how birds build their nests. Use this opportunity to consider these amazing outdoor structures, their design, and construction.



## Activities

- Whether big or small, and built in a tree or on the ground, all nests have the same components – well-camouflaged, strong, sturdy, and soft inside.
- Look around the outdoor space - where is the best place to create your nest?
- Use the gathered materials to build – remember it needs to stay together in the wind and the rain and be soft inside to hold the eggs and protect the chicks.

## Equipment

A range of natural materials such as sticks, moss, feathers, leaves, mud, wool and grass.

## Key Questions

- Which materials are best for creating the different parts of the nest and why?
- Why do most birds build their nests in trees or bushes?

## Learning Outcomes

- Literacy / Language – discussion, reasoning, empathy with the natural world.
- Maths – use of mathematical language, scale, shape, pattern, problem solving.

## Progression in Learning

- Work with the children to identify ways to make the outdoor space more bird friendly.
- Focus on lifecycles, including erecting a bird box with camera outdoors