

# All of a Flutter

Bringing Westonbirt Arboretum to you

A self led activity resource for families



Please Note: it is critical that people follow the government's guidelines on social distancing to protect each other, to slow the spread of the coronavirus and support our NHS.

Spring at Westonbirt Arboretum is a great time to look out for birds, busy building nests and laying eggs.

Unfortunately at the moment we cannot visit Westonbirt, so this pack contains some activities and ideas to help you connect with trees, woods and nature on your daily exercise walk; in the garden or through the window.

1. Birds of a Feather

A bird themed 'I Spy' to try and spot.

2. Who Killed Cock Robin

A traditional nursery rhyme. Some people think it is about Robin Hood.

3. Tunes to Tweet To

Have a search online for the bird themed tunes to tweet (and dance) along to.

4. Eggs-citing Chocolate Nests

A easy baking activity to make your own edible birds nests.

5. Origami Birds

A craft activity to make your own flock of woodland birds.

# Birds of a Feather

How many of the different types of birds can you spot or feathers can you find?



Blackbird



Robin



Bluetit



Sparrow



Barn Owl



Pigeon



Pheasant

# Who Killed Cock Robin

Traditional English Nursery Rhyme — author unknown

People have been singing the nursery rhyme for nearly 300 years.

Who killed Cock Robin?  
I, said the Sparrow,  
With my bow and arrow,  
I killed Cock Robin.

Who saw him die?  
I, said the Fly,  
With my little eye,  
I saw him die.

Who caught his blood?  
I, said the Fish,  
With my little dish,  
I caught his blood.

Who'll make the shroud?  
I, said the Beetle,  
With my thread and needle,  
I'll make the shroud.

Who'll dig his grave?  
I, said the Owl,  
With my pick and shovel,  
I'll dig his grave.

Who'll be the parson?  
I, said the Rook,  
With my little book,  
I'll be the parson.

Who'll be the clerk?  
I, said the Lark,  
If it's not in the dark,  
I'll be the clerk.

Who'll carry the link?  
I, said the Linnet,  
I'll fetch it in a minute,  
I'll carry the link.

Who'll be chief mourner?  
I, said the Dove,  
I mourn for my love,  
I'll be chief mourner.

Who'll carry the coffin?  
I, said the Kite,  
If it's not through the night,  
I'll carry the coffin.

Who'll bear the pall?  
We, said the Wren,  
Both the cock and the hen,  
We'll bear the pall.

Who'll sing a psalm?  
I, said the Thrush,  
As she sat on a bush,  
I'll sing a psalm.

Who'll toll the bell?  
I said the Bull,  
Because I can pull,  
I'll toll the bell.

All the birds of the air  
Fell a-sighing and a-sobbing  
When they heard the bell toll  
For poor Cock Robin.



## Tunes to Twitter, Tweet and Twitch to

There are lots and lots of songs that feature birds. Some are golden oldies others are birthday party classic hits. Have a search online to find the following songs to sing and dance along with. Some are great for air guitar!

The Birdie Song

Blackbird

Free Bird

They'll Be Blue Birds Over (The White Cliffs)

Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens

Fly Like an Eagle

Rockin Robin

The Woodpecker Song

The Tweets

The Beetles

Lyndryn Skynrd

Vera Lynn

Louis Jordan

Steve Miller Band

Jackson 5

Glen Miller

# Eggs-citing Chocolate Nests

For this activity you will need 40g breakfast cereal of your choice, 100g chocolate, mini chocolate eggs, a bowl, spoon, hob or microwave

Bun cases and rolling pin optional.

## Step 1.

Gather all your ingredients together— trying not to eat them.



## Step 2.

If you are using large cereal pieces, lightly crush them into smaller pieces with a rolling pin.



## Step 3.

Melt the chocolate—ask an adult to help you.



## Step 4.

Add the cereal to the chocolate and mix together until the cereal is well coated.



## Step 5.

Share the mixture out equally into the bun cases and add some mini eggs to each nest.



Don't worry if you haven't got any bun cases, you can make the nests on a clean plate. Chill nests in the fridge for a few minutes to set...then eat.



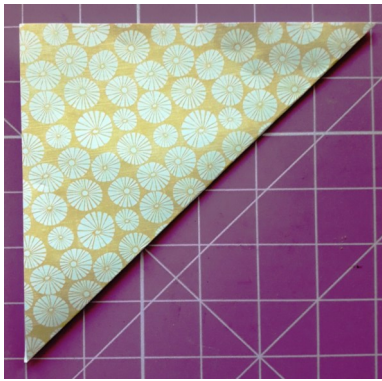
# Make an Origami Bird ... or two

Birds of a feather flock together—so why not make your own flock of colourful woodland birds.



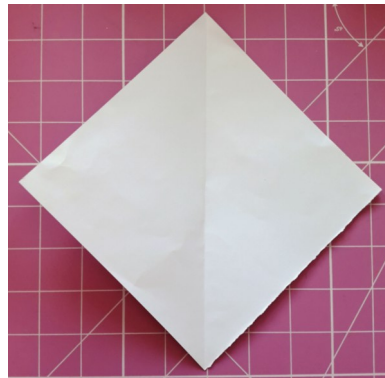
Step 1.

Start with a square piece of paper. If using patterned paper, start with the pattern side facing down. If you don't have patterned paper, don't worry as you can colour the in bird afterwards.



Step 2.

Fold the paper bottom right corner to top left corner, to make a triangle shape, crease the fold well then unfold.



Step 3.

Turn the paper so it looks like the picture above.



Step 4.

Fold bottom right edge to centre line.



Step 5.

Fold bottom left edge to centre line.



Step 6.

Turn over.



Step 7.

Fold top point down.





Step 8.

Turn over and fold top right corner to centre line.



Step 9.

Fold top left corner to centre line.



Step 10.

Fold bottom point to centre.



Step 11.

1cm from the bottom edge, fold the bottom point back on itself.



Step 12.

Fold the left edge to the right, like closing a book.



Step 13.

Turn 90° and fold the left point down to make a beak shape. It will be quite stiff.



Step 14.

This is quite tricky. Unfold the beak, open the book slightly and push the beak down inside. Close the book again. Draw an eye and you are finished.



Step 15.

You can now make a whole flock of birds.