

## Developmental Play Activity Overview

### *Make a bird feeder*



**Year Group/s:** EYFS

#### **EYFS Curriculum Framework Links:**

- Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)
- Physical Development
- Understanding the World
- Communication and Language
- Expressive Arts and Design

#### **Summary:**

In this activity, children will explore how they can care for the wildlife around school by making bird feeders using reused materials. Children will take ownership of designing and constructing their own bird feeders, using everyday waste materials that would otherwise be thrown away. Children will learn that waste materials can be reused to help animals and the environment. If the bird feeders are no longer needed, the materials can be deconstructed and reused for a different purpose.

#### **Prior Knowledge required:**

- To know different types of bird
- To know what birds eat
- To know that some materials are thrown away when they could be reused

**Learning objective:**

To care for wildlife by reusing waste materials to make bird feeders.

- I can talk about birds and what they eat
- I can use reused materials to make something new
- I can talk about how reusing materials helps the planet

**Prepare before the lesson:**

- Collect cleaned reused materials: plastic bottles, cartons, cardboard tubes, string
- Prepare bird food (oats, seeds, raisins, crumbs)
- Set up a making area with picture prompts on how to make a bird feeder

**Activity Outline:**

1. Children are invited to explore a making area where a range of reused materials and tools are accessible
2. An adult can introduce the idea of helping birds by making feeders, linking learning to caring for nature and reducing waste
3. Children investigate the materials discussing where they came from and what they would like to use
4. Children can independently choose the materials to design their bird feeder
5. Children add bird food to their feeders and work out where their feeder will be hung
6. Children can decide where they would like to hang their bird feeder in the school playground