



Cadishead Primary School

Thursday 17th January 2019

Weather: Cold

Growing Outside

Children: Y4
Birds

This week, Year 4 have been learning about common garden birds and why it is important to feed them in the winter months.



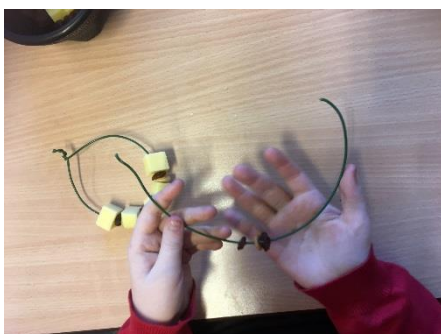
First of all we looked at pictures of common birds to see if we could identify any. The children recognised many of them and could even name some including **magpies**, **pigeons**, **blackbirds**, **blue tits**, **robins**, **sparrows** and **starlings**.



After that, we went outside to see if we could see or hear any birds. There were lots of sparrows in the hedge along the EYFS field. We also saw a **blackbird**, a pair of **robins** and some **seagulls** in the sky.

We talked about what food different types of birds like to eat. We agreed that birds of prey like **eagles** eat small animals, **seagulls** like to eat fish (as well as anything else they can find!) but smaller birds like to eat **seeds**, **berries** and **insects**.

The problem is that in the winter, many insects have died or are hibernating and most of the seeds and



berries produced in autumn have been eaten already. So

there is not much food around for the birds and they are at risk of starving!



So we decided to make the birds around school some tasty food to eat. We threaded wire hoops with Cheerios

(made of **grains**), **raisins** (like **berries**) and **cheese** (containing **fats** and **protein** like in insects).



When they were complete, we hung the bird feeders around the school gardens making sure they were high enough off the ground so the birds couldn't be attacked by **predators**.



Luckily we made some extra bird feeders to take home so that the children could feed the birds in their own gardens!

I'm sure all the birds in Cadishead will be very grateful for the food we have provided for them.

And thank you to Year 4. You were all very enthusiastic and everyone said thank you for the lesson which was lovely to hear!

See you soon,

Catherine