



Encounter – 10th June This week – Bird Art

There has been less traffic on the roads recently – and one of the best things about that is that we can hear the beautiful birdsong all around us! Let's celebrate that with some inspiring Bird Art.

Paper Plate Birds



To make a rocking bird, fold a paper plate in half to create a great bird body shape. Then decorate it in any way you like – torn paper, tissue paper, paint, stickers, feathers, buttons... Add a simple eye and then a tail - either a big feather or draw some feathers and colour on both sides before cutting out and sticking on. Your bird should be ready to rock!

Another way of using a paper plate is to fold and stick it in half and add little feet – wool or string would work well. You could then make a hole in the middle of your bird's back and thread string through so you can hang it up...



..and I LOVE this elegant swan! It uses the shape of the paper plate to create the long neck as well as the body. Have a look at a plate to see how the shape works and think about how you would cut it to recreate this – or perhaps another type of bird?





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This stunning peacock also started off as a simple paper plate. To create the amazing tail, first paint the plate in a soft, greeny blue colour. The body is a simple shape to copy on another piece of paper. It is then painted a lovely strong royal blue. Cut it out and stick it on to the plate as shown. The patterns on the feathers have been made here with gold and turquoise sequins, which are really effective. You could add little feathers on the peacock's head. Here, paper has been wrapped around cocktail sticks. And don't forget the eyes and beak! Fabulous!



Handprint Flamingo



This is such a creative way to make a funky flamingo! Press your hand into pink paint and then press firmly onto a piece of paper. Then turn the paper upside down – can you see the beginnings of a flamingo? Paint or draw in the long, spindly legs – one bent up – between the thumb and forefinger print. Add a hooked beak, a beady eye and a simple wing and you have a flamingo!

Handprint and Feather Parrots

Parrots are so colourful and such a magnificent shape with long tail feathers and hooked beaks. Here, the feathers are made up of cut-out handprints – great idea!



And here, craft feathers have simply been stuck onto a coloured drawing of a parrot. There is a parrot template on the next sheet for you if you would like to use it.



HAVE FUN!!



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