



Oasis – 11th June This Week – Bird Art

One of the positive things to come out of the last few weeks of lockdown is less traffic on the roads, which has allowed us to hear the beautiful birdsong so clearly. So time for some Bird Art, I think!

Paper Plate Birds



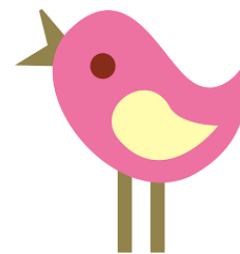
These cute little birds have simply been cut out of paper plates, using the curved shape as the starting point. They can be painted and a simple eye and beak stuck on. I love the heart-shaped wings!

An alternative is to fold a plate over after painting and the bird can then stand up and rock! Little strips of coloured paper stuck on for tails look good and craft feathers have been stuck on here. There are lots of materials that could be used to decorate the rocking birds!



This wise old owl is made of two paper plates painted brown. One has been shaped slightly at the top and the other has been cut in half and stuck on the back to create the wings. Big eyes and a little pointy beak and he's done! You could print on feathers with potato printing or use finger painting to add lots of other colours on top of the brown.





Handprint Birds

Handprints can be used to make lovely little birds when turned on their sides. You could paint your little one's hand brown all over apart from down the side, which you could paint red to make a Robin Red Breast, or paint their fingers in different colours to make a parrot-like multicoloured tail!



Footprint Parrot



This colourful parrot is simply an upside-down footprint with craft feathers stuck on to make a fabulous tail. Add an eye and a bright beak and he's done! Instead of feathers you could stick on ribbon or strips of paper to make his tail.

There's a parrot template with these sheets in case your child would like to colour one in or use it as the base for a collage.



Birdfeeder



How about making a simple birdfeeder? Take a stale bagel and cut it in half. Roll the halves in sugar-free peanut butter. (If your child is allergic to peanuts you could use lard). Add bird seeds to a tray and dip the bagel halves in until they are fully coated. Tie string through the middle and then hang from a branch! If you want to make a perch for the birds you could push a wooden skewer through.

HAVE FUN!!

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