

**LKS2 'Take Care' Project linking to:**  
**Animal (Art), Classification (Science)**  
***Misty Mountain, Winding River***

**Date: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Happy Friday and we hope you have had a fantastic week.

Linking to our overarching topic of 'Misty Mountain, Winding River', our Art and Science topics this term connect closely to animals and our local environment (Art – 'Animals' and Science 'Classification'). As part of this topic, we have been considering the nature in our immediate school environment, and the animals which visit us regularly in our school garden. We are now beginning to expand this to what we notice in our home environment, more specifically the animals in our gardens or outside and around our home.

Today, your child will have returned home with a bag of bird food (in varying forms), which has very kindly been donated to school in bulk by Spectrum Global Pet Care, to assist us with our project and the children's learning. We would like the children, over the next month including the Easter holidays, to observe and connect with their local environment, specifically paying close attention to the birds in their garden, and any other wildlife feeding on the food.

As part of this 'Take Care' homework, we would like the children to engage in some of the activities listed below, and take photos of them partaking in the activities to email into school.

Suggested activities to take part in:

- [Go birdwatching](#) in your garden
- Make your own binoculars (attached to the newsletter)
- [Make the perfect bird bath](#)
- [Feed the birds](#) (online instructions for making bird feeders using your bird food from school – bird food cakes and loo roll feeders) Alternative guide attached to the newsletter.
- [Make a nest box](#) (Adult patience and assistance required!)
- Garden bird detective (attached to newsletter). Can you go even further and create a tally of how often you see these birds and when? Is it in the morning, afternoon, evening and how many are there? Could you use Purple Mash to create a line graph or bar chart about this information, using your Maths skills? Is there a family of these birds in your garden? What is their habitat and nest like?
- Sketching garden birds. Think about how we have worked hard to develop our sketching techniques in class, can you use your skills at home to draw the birds you have spotted in your garden? Maybe you could go further and use paint or other media to add detail and colour to your art work.

This newsletter is included on your child's class page so that the hyperlinks can be accessed, and this homework has been fully explained to the children so that they are aware of which activities they may want to take part in. Please email any photographs to [parentcorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk](mailto:parentcorrespondence@st-peters.notts.sch.uk) – marking the email for the attention of your child's teacher.

The 'Take Care' project will be fluid, and not prescriptive to the activities above – If your child would like to do something additional with their bird food, and creatively go beyond expectation, then that would be brilliant!

**\*Please note – whilst there are no nuts in the bird-food that the children have taken home, the food has been made in a factory which handles nuts.**

Homework project ends on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.