

# Cockenzie Nursery News

## February 2021



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We at Cockenzie Primary School Nursery have been missing seeing all of our nursery children this term. It has been wonderful for us to be able to keep in contact with so many of you via the blog and the google meets. This week our nursery team will be phoning around all of our families to find out how you have all been getting on as well as to update you on your child's progress from their time spent at nursery.

We hope that we will be able to see everyone soon. Until then, know that we are always here if there is anything we can be doing to support you.

*Natasha O'Connor*

Depute Head Teacher

### Nursery Blog



We have loved receiving the feedback from our parents and carers around our nursery blog. We are so pleased that it is being viewed as a useful way for parents and carers to remain informed about life in the nursery. The blog can be found at; [www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienursery/](http://www.edubuzz.org/cockenzienursery/)

We love to hear how your children are getting on so please send us photographs and updates about your child to [cockenzienursery@edubuzz.org](mailto:cockenzienursery@edubuzz.org)

### Feedback

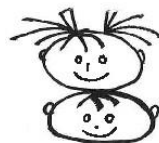


We are keen to hear feedback from our parents/carers and children about what we have been offering this term to support our nursery families. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the following google poll <https://forms.gle/TR7GSdY3QVMQRFN79>

### Dates for the Diary



- Last Day before midterm - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- In-Service Day - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February
- School/Nursery new term begins - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February
- All break for Easter holiday - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April



## SCIENCE/WINTER Stickman Challenge

We have loved reading "Stickman" by Julia Donaldson. Do you have the book at home? If not you can listen to the audio version on youtube.

You can also watch the special narration of it here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b06t09rk>

### Challenge

Can you make your own stickman out of sticks? Once you have made him place him in a big bowl, pour water over him and put him in the freezer. What do you think will happen to the water? How long does the water take to freeze?

Stickman is stuck in the ice! Can you help free him so he can return to the family tree? Explore the different properties of ice, how does it feel? Is it hot or cold? How are you going to free him?





## LITERACY

### National Story Telling Week

From the 30th of January until the 6th of February it's National Story Telling Week. Reading stories with young children helps develop language, helps identify letters and words for early reading and writing skills and sparks imagination and brain development. Stories can also help build emotional development and strengthen relationships too!

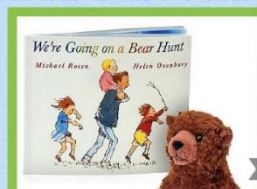
We LOVE reading books and making up our own stories at Cockenzie Nursery.

One of our favourite books to read and act out is "We're going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosin.

You can listen to the story here:  
<https://youtu.be/2OI7fe766nk>

#### We're Going on a Sound Hunt....

Go on a sound hunt walk and see what sounds you can hear. Stop and listen to the different sounds, you might be able to spot what is making the noise and where it is coming from. Talk about the sounds you hear, you might be able to compare noises like "That's so loud!" and that was a really quiet noise". Have fun and watch out for that bear!



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### Rhyming

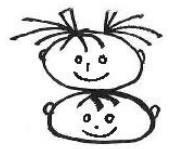
Recently in nursery we have been starting to look at rhyming words, Julia Donaldson stories are great for rhyming and we also love to sing Down by the Bay!

We always make up our own versus at nursery, some of our favourites are: Have you ever seen a fox putting on socks? Have you ever seen a mouse building a house? Have you ever seen a goat driving a boat? Have you ever seen a bee drinking iced tea? Have you ever seen a frog sitting on a log? have you ever seen a cat wearing a hat?

Can you think of any new rhyming words we can sing? Here is the link to the song:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=jAjhLexlrDc>

Can you teach your grown ups the Down by the Bay song?

Maybe you could go on a rhyming hunt in your house.. can you find any objects that rhyme?



## RSBP Big Garden Bird Watch 2021

We have been taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch.

Mrs Purves made a listening tool to help her hear the different sounds the birds make. All you need is a cardboard tube and then decorate it anyway you want. When it's ready you can either go into your garden or stand at a window and listen through the tube for tweets, chirps and cheeps. See if you can make the same sound.



You can also make your own set of binoculars using two tubes stuck together.



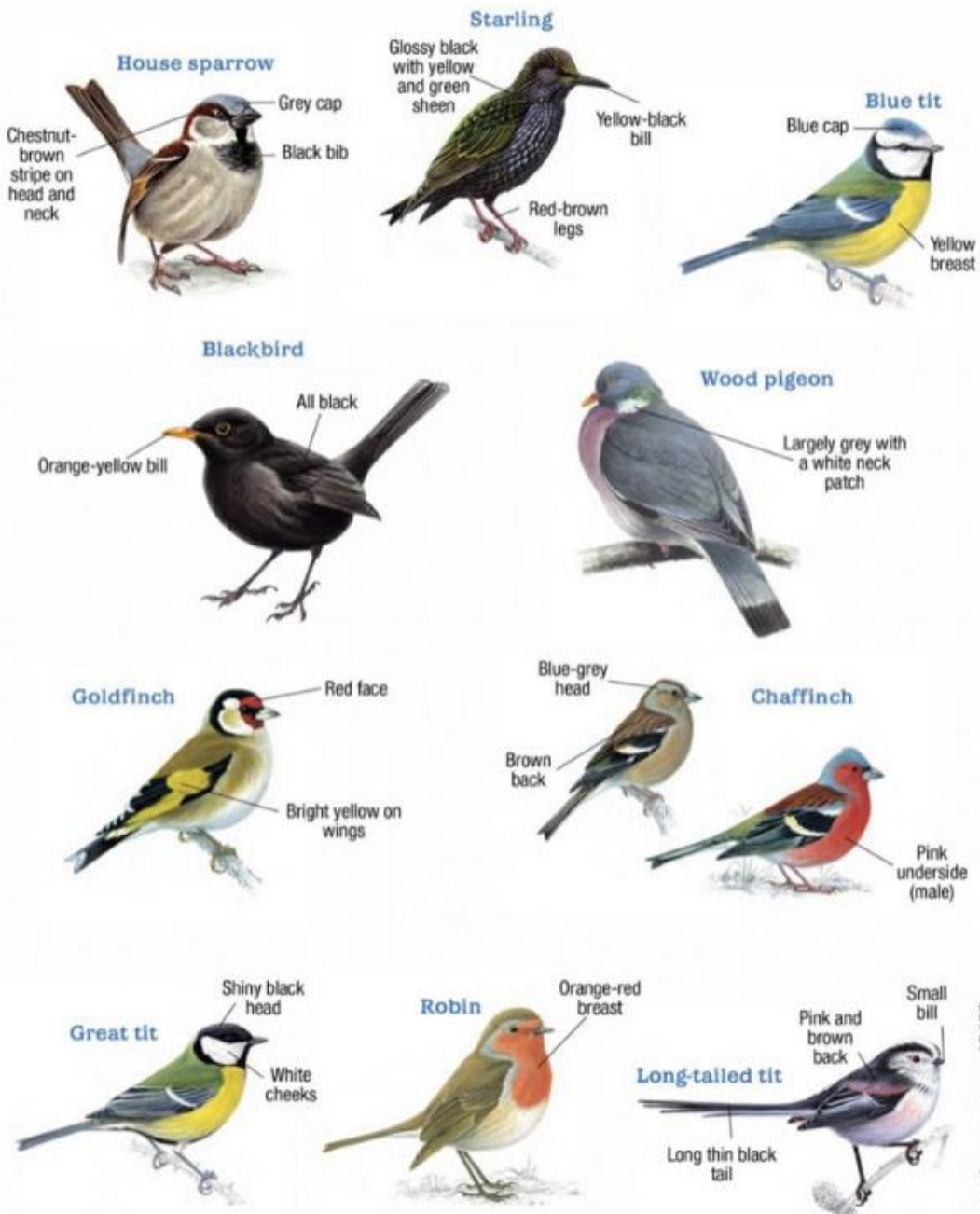
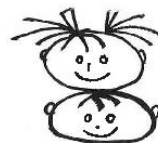
To encourage the birds to visit your garden you could make a bird feeder.

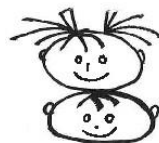
You can use literally anything to put your bird food in, for example; a cupcake case or a yoghurt pot.

We used a cardboard tube and rolled the food around it.









## DAYS OF THE WEEK SONG (*Adams Family Tune*)

We love to sing the days of the week song at gather time in nursery.  
You can support your child with learning the days of the week by singing this song.  
You could also write out the days of the week to help with early letter/word recognition.

Once your child becomes familiar with the days of the week you could have fun working out which day it is today, which day it will be tomorrow and which day it was yesterday.

*We sing the Days of the Week song at nursery*

Day of the week (clap clap)

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Days of the week, days of the week, days of the week (clap clap).

There's Monday and there's Tuesday, there's Wednesday and there's Thursday,  
there's Friday and there's Saturday and then there's Sunday too. (Repeat top verse)

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday