

Activity 1

WHAT IS A NEST?



Hi, it's me Rav! This week I'm looking at ornithology, which is the study of birds.

Birds evolved from feathered dinosaurs that survived the mass extinction and now we find them in all sorts of shapes, sizes and colours. It would be awesome if you could help me find out which birds are around us and how they live.

DID YOU KNOW?

Birds build nests to protect their eggs but they can be found in all kinds of weird locations.

Nests have been found inside an aircraft engine, inside a shoe and one in a BBQ!



YOUR CHALLENGE

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE PICTURES!

1 RESEARCH

Have a look at what type of nests there are. What colours can they be, what's the biggest and smallest and how complicated can they be?



2 DESIGN

Create a plan for a nest that you would like to build. Collect the materials you will need for construction and find somewhere safe to build it.



3 BUILD

Make your nest! Don't forget to test it – will it stay together in a storm (give it a shake and test how waterproof it is) and see how many birds could fit in it.



RAVINDA'S TOP TIPS



Bird nests can be built using many different materials, including twigs, moss, old feathers, spiderwebs, sand, mud or leaves.

Other animals build nests using fur, bubbles, beeswax and pebbles.

