

Cumbria County Council

Early Years Team

**What can I do
today?**



This week it is....pans

Friday - looking after the birds

- Using old pans you can make a variety of bird feeders and birdbaths. Use round or square shallow pans.
- To make a birdbath use a shallow pan and the bottom of a cake tin. Use waterproof tape to attach the cake tin bottom to one end of a pencil. Use blu-tac or plasticine to attach the pencil to the tin. If you do not have a cake tin bottom you can just put water in the tin for the birds. Make sure the pan and water is not too deep for the birds or animals to fall into without being able to get out. Make sure that you regularly clean the pan and add fresh water.
- Use a shallow pan to make a hanging bird feeder or you can put bird food in the pan on the ground for the birds.
- To make the hanging feeder attach three, equal length, pieces of string to the pan and make the pan as level as you can. Use bluetac or waterproof tape to secure the string on the bottom of the pan. Watch the birds come to feed and drink or bathe.
- The type of feeder you make will attract different species of birds. Not all birds like hanging feeders but will feed from the ground. Can you draw or find pictures of the birds and tick off how many you see? Can you find out what the birds like to eat? Can you find out more about the birds you see?
- Hanging feeders – House sparrow / blue tit / green finch.
- Ground feeders – Blackbird / thrush / collared dove.