Session title	Nests, eggs and baby birds	
Key Q	What do eggs and young birds need to survive?	
Session description	Join us and discover, through a series of games and interactive sensory challenges, the life cycle of a young duckling from the egg to hatching and beyond. Discover how they develop and how the parent birds look after them.	
Key Stage suitability	Pre-school and Foundation Stage	
Duration	1 hour	

Curriculum links	Foundation: The World Around Us Interdependence: ▪ What else is living? ▪ How do living things survive? Movement and energy: ▪ Where do living things move? Place: ▪ What is in my world? Change over time: ▪ How do things change?	
Learning outcomes	Most learners	More able learners
	Will be able to identify basic early lifecycle of birds to include nesting, eggs, adult care and ducks. Will be able to identify nest building as a function of bird reproduction. Will understand relationship of male and female ducks and rearing of young ducklings.	Will be able to describe the various types of nesting techniques i.e. ground nesting and tree nesting. Will be able to explain the adaptations of basic bird behaviour, camouflage, display, and predation.
Key vocabulary	Nest building Incubation Fledgling Egg Egg tooth	Duckling Male Female Camouflage Predator	Insulation Lifecycle Behaviour Feathers Mallard

Session Outline	Time
Introduction - Nest building challenge	5 mins
Learners are given a brief introduction to the nest building challenge.	
Activity 1: Nest building challenge.	15 mins
The class is split into two teams and follow a series of instructions to build their nests.	
Activity 2: Nest inspection.	10 mins
Guide inspects nests, teasing out initial concepts and judging nests for the winning team to be announced.	
Introduction - Duckling hunt	5 mins

Learners are introduced to the duckling hunt and split into two teams.	
Activity 3: Duckling hunt story.	10 mins
Using the basket and props, the guide tells the story of the mallard family.	
Activity 4: Duckling hunt game.	15 mins
Teams hide, and hunt for, ducklings.	