Session title	Nests, eggs and baby birds	
Key Q	What do eggs and young birds need?	
Session description	Join us and explore the life cycle of a young duckling from the egg to hatching and beyond. Discover why birds build nests and what features they need to keep the eggs and young birds safe. Build your own nest out of natural materials. Where will you build it to make sure the baby birds have everything they need?	
Key Stage suitability	EYFS	
Duration	30 minutes	

Curriculum links	EYFS 3- and 4-year-olds will be learning to… ▪ Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials. ▪ Explore collections of materials with similar and/or different properties. ▪ Talk about what they see, using a wide vocabulary. ▪ Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. ▪ Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things Children in reception will be learning to… ▪ Explore the natural world around them. ▪ Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside. ▪ Recognise some environments that are different from the one in which they live. ▪ Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them.	
Learning outcomes	Most learners	More able learners
	Will be able to describe one thing a bird does to care for its eggs Will be able to describe one thing a bird does to care for its young Will be able to build a nest using materials found in the wetland environment	Will be able to describe why a bird might build a nest in a tree Will be able to explain why female birds and baby birds are usually less colourful
Key vocabulary	Feathers Down Reproduction Building	Protection Incubation Hatching Extinction Camouflage	Babies Chicks Ducklings Goslings

Session Outline	Time
Introduction	5 mins
Learners are given a quick introduction to the session and what will be covered. They are introduced to the key question.	
Activity 1: Introduction to eggs and nests	10 mins
Learners investigate four different bird's eggs, looking at how the size of the egg usually relates to the size of the bird. They look at different nests, exploring their size, shape and what they're made from.	
Activity 2: Nest building	10 mins
Learners create their own nests, thinking about how they will keep the eggs safe and warm.	

Plenary	5 mins
Learners share their nests, explaining why they have made it the way they have.	
Handwashing	