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Sparrow in a Spot 2



Keywords

school grounds • **observation** • **indoors** • **creativity** • **keeping records** • **Maths**

1. Observing Sparrow Behaviour

Visit your sparrow-spotting place regularly and take note of the birds' behaviour, whether it's something you've seen before or something new. Link these observations with different subjects and skills. To help children connect with sparrows, imitate their actions together: hopping, chirping, or flapping wings (arms). While hopping, count to 10 and notice how difficult it feels, then compare this with how effortlessly sparrows hop for much longer.

2. Feeding Sparrows

Choose a safe ledge or windowsill to leave small food offerings for sparrows; make sure to use only bird seed or other foods safe for birds. Observe sparrows as they come to feed, especially in colder months when insects are scarce. Discuss how they use their beaks and compare this with our soft lips and hard teeth.

3. Listening & Chirping

Carry out a listening activity. Pay attention to the pattern of sparrow chirps and invite the children to imitate the sounds and rhythms.

4. Keeping a Sparrow Diary

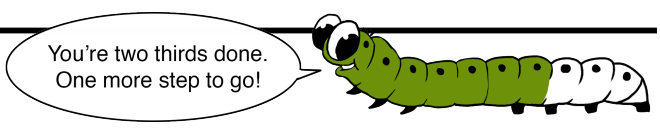
Start a classroom "Sparrow Diary." Decide together how to record your observations, it could be a weekly chart like the Soil Magic Chart. Create a special symbol for sparrows and add notes or drawings each week. Use imagination to connect sparrows to children's own lives. Remind them that sparrows are one of our most common birds yet often overlooked despite living so close to us.

Send photos of

- ☐ Sparrow feeding
- ☐ The Sparrow Diary display
- ☐ Children imitating sparrows movements

Resources & Equipment Needed

- Food offerings (safe for sparrows, e.g., birdseeds);



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- Notebook, chart, or large sheet for diary;
- Drawing and colouring materials.

