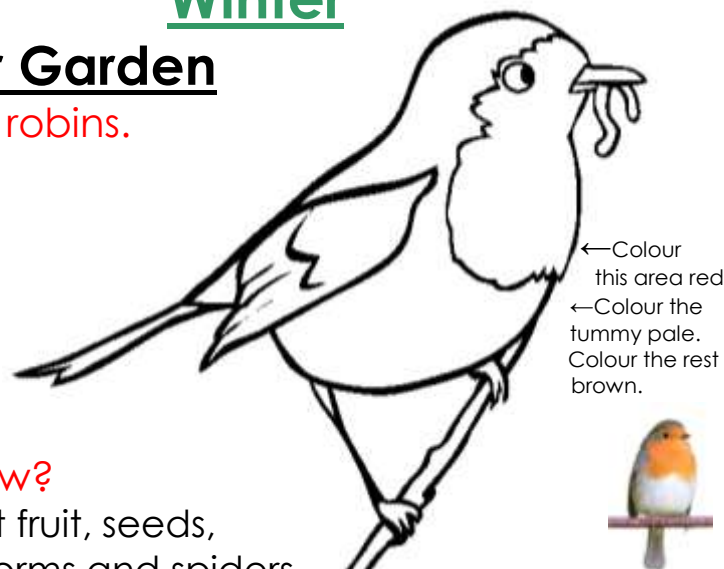


Winter

1. In your Garden

Look out for robins.



Did you know?

- ☺ Robins eat fruit, seeds, insects, worms and spiders.
- ☺ Pictures of robins often appear on Christmas cards.
- ☺ Robins will sometimes settle close to you when you are in the garden to look for food you've turned up when digging. This comes from a long time ago when our gardens were covered in forest and wild boar rooted about in the soil for food.
- ☺ If a robin manages to live through its first year, it could live for up to 5 or 6 years.
- ☺ Male robins fight fiercely to defend their territory.
- ☺ The female robin builds a nest out of leaves and grass and she will line it with roots, feathers and hair.
- ☺ They also make nests in strange places like old kettles, cars and pockets, but usually hedges.
- ☺ Male and female robins look the same.
- ☺ Robins will lay about 6 eggs that are white or pale blue with reddish speckles.

2. Out and about

Take mum or dad on a walk near your house in fields, woods or a park.

Deciduous trees drop their leaves during the winter and grow new ones in spring.

Evergreen trees keep leaves all year. Old ones drop off and new ones grow throughout the year.

☼ Look carefully at a **deciduous** tree with no leaves on it. Draw it, perhaps on a pale but colourful background. The branches and twigs make a beautiful pattern against the sky.



☼ Look carefully at a leaf on a tree or one you find on the ground. Can you name it?

☼ Find a thin stick about 30 cms long, then thread 30 leaves onto. Try and find as many different types of leaves as you can.

☼ Clear a space about as big as a television screen then make a symmetrical pattern on the ground with things you find like stones, wood and fallen leaves.

☼ Ask if you can take a flask of hot chocolate!

Yum yum!



☼ Trees use carbon dioxide and give us the oxygen we need to breathe as well as being beautiful. Don't waste paper and make sure you recycle paper you do use so fewer trees are cut down.

3. Puzzle and Jokes Corner

Crossword

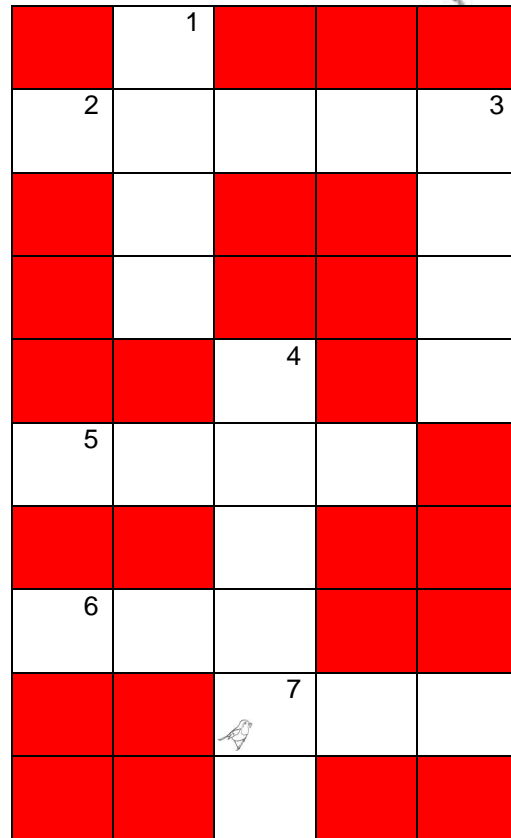


Across

2. A garden bird that is often on Christmas cards.
5. The mouth of a bird.
6. The colour of a robin's chest.
7. Baby birds hatch from an ____.

Down

1. A long, slippery animal that lives in the ground. (Robins love them.)
3. A bird will lay eggs in this.
4. The patch of ground outside your back door, if you live in a house.



Jokes

- Why do hummingbirds hum?
 What do you give a sick bird?
 Where does Jack Frost go to dance?
 How many robins can you find on this sheet?



1. 2.3.4....

Hee hee.



3. Art and Craft and Activities

Make a bird feeder.

Yes, please.



1. Tie some string to the stalk end of a pine cone, putting it into a few gaps so it is secure.
2. Spread lard over the outside of the pine cone pushing some into the crevices.
3. Roll the cone in bird seed firmly.
4. Hang your bird feeder on a twig or hook to help to attract birds to your garden or balcony.
5. Repeat the process when necessary to help the birds through the winter when food is scarce.
6. Remember to clear up.

Thank you.



ICE



Did you know?

Water turns to ice when the temperature falls to below 0°C. So puddles might turn from **liquid** water into **solid** ice which you can stand on. But watch out, it might be slippery!

You could make your own ice lolly. Put a raisin or a grape, in a 'cell' of an ice cube tray and fill with fruit juice. Add a lolly stick. Put it into the freezer and in a few hours, you will have your own ice lolly.

(By the way, water is amazing. It turns to a **gas** (water vapour) in temperatures of over 100°C! Watch, but keep away from, your kettle, when it is boiling water for a cup of tea or coffee.)



Answers to jokes: 1. Because they don't know the words to the songs, 2. tweetment, 3. snowballs.
 Answer to number of robins: There are eleven robins on this sheet.