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Keywords

discussion • **groupwork** • **outdoors** • **indoors** • **Science** • **Maths**

1. Food for Survival
Review how animals survive by eating plants and/or other animals. Link to science concepts: food helps us stay warm, and some foods provide more energy than others.

Have the children play the "Bird Food Game" (Downloadable Materials) in groups, identifying the right foods for their urban birds and explaining their choices.

2. Choosing the Right Menu
Discuss what types of food are ideal for bird tables. Children access the "Bird Table Menu" (Downloadable Materials) to compare their selections with the best options for birds in Malta.

3. Planning the Bird Table
Using the "Let's Make a Bird Table guide" (Downloadable Materials), take the children outside to explore the school grounds. In groups, they decide on the best location for the bird table, using the Where Shall We Put It? Checklist as a guide.

4. Setting Up the Bird Table
Build the bird table and place it in the chosen location, ensuring it is safe and accessible for the birds.

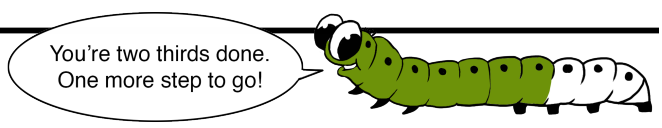
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- ☐ Children playing Bird Food Game
- ☐ children identifying bird table location
- ☐ Children discussing bird food mix
- ☐ Children setting up bird table

Resources & Equipment Needed

Bird table building materials:

- 1 marine plywood board 30 x 21cm, about 2cm thick
- 2 wooden strips 22cm long, about 2cm thick
- 2 wooden strips 14cm long, about 2cm thick



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- 1 wooden broomstick, pointed at one end
- 1 wooden block about 6 x 6 x 4cm, with round hole in the middle (to fit broomstick in)
- Screws
- Nails
- Wood glue

OR

Pre-built bird table (These resources may be available from BirdLife Malta subject to yearly funding. Contact **dinjawahda@birdlifemalta.org** to find out)

