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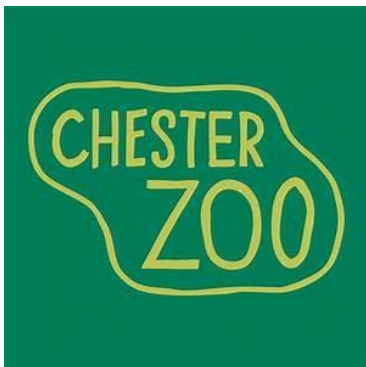
Canal Explorers

Will be sharing activities that encourage children to watch, read, do, play and create as they learn about our canals and rivers from home – bringing the magic of our waterways to you!

In the coming weeks, we'll be sharing learning resource bundles on a range of topics through our social media pages. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and like us

on [Facebook](#) for activities and ideas to keep children engaged in learning and active whilst at home.

Why not visit the website for resources on water safety, how to build a canal and canal and river habitats- [Visit the website](#)



Missing the Zoo?

Chester Zoo has a whole array of resources to help with home schooling - and some even include a virtual tour to the zoo!

[Resources](#)

Getting on Together

While some children are feeling the loss of not seeing their friends, others are cooped up together in family groups spending unusually large amounts of time together! It's worth trying to encourage children to participate together in an engaging activity – so they don't even know they are cooperating – they're just having fun or learning about something together!

Sharing equipment and sharing out the tasks is another key ingredient for getting on together! If there are just two children, and if you have one child then the adult can pair up with the child for the activity, letting the child take some of the decision-making and negotiation involved. There are about 15 ideas in the free download. [Getting on together](#)





Outdoor lesson ideas

Our free **outdoor learning ideas** and outdoor lesson plans are below, ideal for curricular led outdoor learning or forest school type activities.

These outdoor learning ideas have been developed and proven by teachers and early years educators. All are sorted by keystage, curricular area and age suitability.

[Click here](#)

Hi Saturday Family Art Clubbers,

Hello from Ty Pawb! We hope that you're all safe and well and staying creative.

My name is Ellie and I'm the Formal Learning Officer here at Ty Pawb and this week I will be showing you how to make a garden bird mobile to hang in your home.

Springtime is the perfect season for enjoying some bird watching and there are lots of garden birds about, nesting and feeding and you can make your own paper garden bird to resemble your favourite type of bird. For example: a blue tit, sparrow, song thrush, chaffinch or robin. Your bird designs can then be attached to string to create a mobile and you can embellish the mobile with other found bits and pieces like feathers and leaves to keep it looking natural.

Don't forget to share your creations with us on our Ty Pawb face book page as we love to see what you've all been making at home!

Ellie

This week's activity is designed by Ellie

Make your own Bird Mobile

You will need

- A glue stick or PVA / tape
- Scissors
- A selection of paper and card. You can use an old cereal packet for card
- Some felt pens/crayons/pencils/oil or soft pastels/watercolours
- 2 Small twigs
- String/ wool

Step 1: Find 2 small twigs from the garden or on a walk about 30cms long and around 1cm in diameter and bind together tightly with string in a cross shape. Attached a loop of string from the middle of the twigs which you will use as a hanger.

Step 2: Tie on 4 or 5 lengths of string or wool which is where you will attach your bird designs.

Step 3: Have a look at some bird books or images online of garden birds you like and using the card draw the basic shape of the body. If you don't have card, use paper and then stick on cereal card to make it stiffer.

Step 4: Choose your favourite birds and try out your drawing and colouring skills to add the shapes and colours to the body, copy some photos or do a bit of bird spotting. Experiment

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Don't forget to follow Ty Pawb Art at Home for their weekly family make sessions on facebook

And finally.....

Can you spot the difference? There are 10 to spot - if you can, you're doing better than me! ; D



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