

Teacher's notes to accompany Powerpoint presentation

'Birds and their nests'

Slide no.	Suggested points to be made for some of the slides (The presentation is animated to allow children time to discuss questions raised)
3.	Many birds make their nest in trees like this – the chaffinch for example - but not all.
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lapwing's nest - a common Nidderdale bird• Robins, blue tits like to nest in holes
5.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sand martin burrows in soft ground to make breeding chambers – they come to UK each spring to breed• House martins make cup shaped nests from mud under overhangs like roof eaves - they come to UK each spring to breed
6.	Some birds just lay their eggs in a shallow dip – they are very prone to predation and damage
7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Birds use twigs and grass for the basic shape and then line it with material like moss, feathers, leaves and wool for warmth and softness.• Some birds even use spiders' webs to bind the nest.
8.	Ask the children if they have any places at home that birds might like.
9.	Ask if the children know what these are.
10	Boxes are used to lay eggs but in winter they can provide overnight shelter from bad weather
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain that the birds like to burrow to make their nests but sand banks can collapse.• These artificial walls have solid fronts but sand behind so that the birds can make nest chambers.