

Oftentimes on a broad meadow near Dunbar.....

Day 5

Make a Wildlife Mobile

Kingfisher Bird

The Kingfisher is a bird usually seen close to rivers.



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It swoops down and dives into the water to catch fish.

It's brightly-coloured feathers stand out from the natural colours of the riverbank.

It's so vivid (bright) it looks almost like a cartoon bird!

Here are the materials you will need to start your Kingfisher Bird.



You may already have some coloured paper?

We used left-over scraps of plain wallpaper.



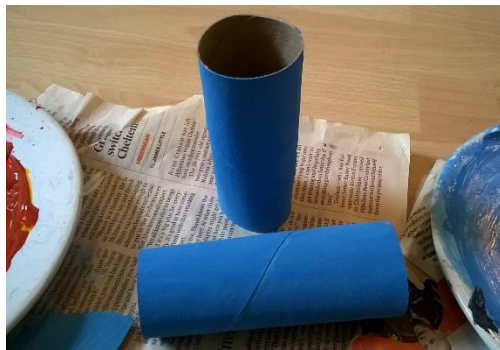
We painted the paper in blocks of colour:-

Kingfisher Blue, pale blue, white, rust, grey.

You may either make a picture of the Kingfisher bird like we made of the Skylark on Day 1.

OR:-

A model using cardboard.



We painted 2 clean cardboard tubes with Kingfisher blue coloured paint.

The tubes will form the body and the head.

Leave the paint to dry.



Cut two wings and a tail from the Kingfisher Blue coloured paper.

Attach to the body using staples.



Create a head shape by cutting, then folding one of the tubes.

Make a beak from the grey paper.

Attach the beak to the head, then the head to the body using staples and/or tape.



Now cut or tear your coloured paper into small strips to make feathers.

Glue feathers in place.

Copy the photograph of the real bird to get your coloured feathers in the correct place.

Start from the tail then work upwards.

Look out for the markings on its cheeks.



Draw the eyes in with a black pen.

Well Done!

Tomorrow we will assemble the Mobile.

Hurray! 😊

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Kingfisher: the colour-giver, fire-bringer, flame-flicker, river's quiver.

Ink-black bill, orange throat, and a quick blue back-gleaming feather-stream.

Neat and still it sits on the snag of a stick, until with...

Gold-flare, wing-fan, whipcrack the kingfisher - zingfisher, singfisher! -

Flashes down too fast to follow, quick and quicker carves its hollow

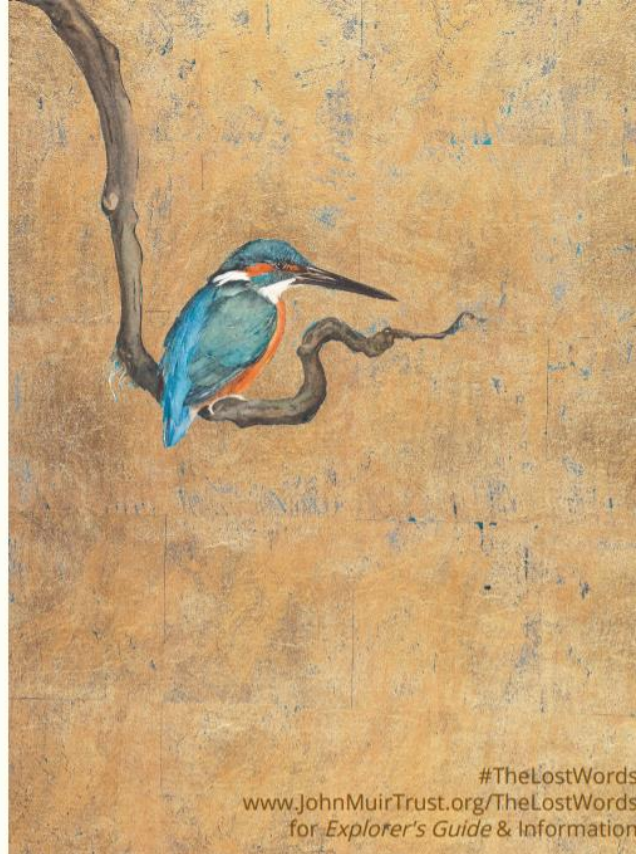
In the water, slings its arrow superswift to swallow

Stickleback or shrimp or minnow.

Halcyon is its other name - also ripple-calmer, water-nester,

Evening angler, weather-teller, rainbringer and

Rainbow bird - that sets the stream alight with burn and glitter!



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