# The Feather Trail




On the first day of Bird Club, Nia, Kai, and Meera met Ms. Rosa at Maple Park.

They heard chirps above them before they saw a single bird.

A robin landed on a branch and tilted its head.

‘Today,’ Ms. Rosa said, ‘we are going to follow the feather trail.’

The children lifted their binoculars.

They were ready to discover what makes a bird a bird.

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# Feathers and Beaks




The next clue waited in the garden.

A hummingbird hovered like a tiny jewel, while a cardinal cracked seeds with its thick beak.

Ms. Rosa explained that birds use their beaks in different ways.

Some sip nectar, some peck insects, and some crack open hard seeds.

The children noticed feathers on every bird they saw.

“Feathers and beaks are two big bird clues,” Ms. Rosa said.

# Homes in High Places



In the afternoon, Bird Club found a nest high in a tree.
The robin had woven grass and twigs into a safe little home.
Inside, pale blue eggs rested in a soft cup.
Birds build nests to protect their eggs and their young.
Some make them in trees, some on the ground, and some near water.
“Every nest is built for a reason,” Ms. Rosa whispered.

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# Feet for Water and Land




Farther down the trail, the children reached the marsh.

A duck paddled past with webbed feet, and a heron stood on long toes near the reeds.

Ms. Rosa showed how bird feet match where birds live.

Webbed feet help birds swim, while long toes help them step through mud and shallow water.

Bird bodies are full of helpful tools.

“Birds are built for their habitats,” Meera said.

# Travelers in the Sky




As evening came, a flock of geese crossed the sky in a giant V.

Ms. Rosa told the children that many birds travel long distances when the seasons change.

This journey is called migration.

Birds fly to places where they can find food, warmth, or safe nesting spots.

The children imagined how far those wings could carry them.

“Birds do not just live in one place,” Kai said.

# Science Element




Birds are animals with feathers, beaks, and wings.

They lay eggs, and many build nests to care for their young.

Different birds have different beaks and feet, depending on how they live.

Some swim, some sing in trees, and some travel across the sky.

Simple idea: birds may look different from one another, but they share important clues.

That is what makes a bird a bird.

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