Little chicks

Activity sheet

Spot the 5 differences.

Colour in the osprey chick.

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Which egg gets into the nest?

A  
B  
C  

ANSWER: EGG IN THE NEST – Egg C

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Missing words – fill in the missing words.

1. Ospreys can ______ to capture fish up to one metre from the surface.
2. Ospreys can take ______ weighing over 1 kilogram – more than half their own body weight.
3. Adult birds always follow the same _______ route and return to where they were born.
4. It takes 7 to 8 weeks from hatching until the young ______, leave the nest and follow their parents to the fishing grounds.
5. _______ Water is the largest man-made lake in northern Europe and provides trout for the feeding ospreys.

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Word search – 10 words to find, horizontal, backward or diagonal.

OSPREY  FISH  HABITAT  NEST  MIGRATE  SEA  EGGS  PREY  RESERVOIR  RAPTOR

A B G P R E Y A H E C D
R A E B O D N E S T O T
F R N H G C I B G A H A
R B E O A O H A F G L T
R A D S F I S H E O S I
B I P F E C H P I B A B
O A P T B R H O R K N A
H S E A O D V M A E F H
E O C H I R E O P N Y P
F M I G R A T E I M S L
H A O B G H K A C R B H
T R O K C D A E P V I O

ANSWER: MISSING WORDS - 1. dive 2. fish 3. migration 4. chicks 5. Kielder

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**Osprey explorers**

**Activity sheet**

1. Ospreys have been known to eat mice, beetles and chickens. **TRUE** **FALSE**
2. Adult ospreys weigh about 500 kilograms. **TRUE** **FALSE**
3. The osprey is sometimes known as a sea hawk. **TRUE** **FALSE**
4. The average life span of an osprey is 100 years. **TRUE** **FALSE**
5. The osprey is one of the most widespread birds of prey and can be found on every continent except Antarctica. **TRUE** **FALSE**

**Build your own bird feeder.**

For this design you need:
- a plastic bottle
- two foil or plastic food dishes a few centimetres wider than the bottle
- a strong stick longer than the width of the bottle
- two pieces of string about twice the height of the bottle.

- Cut the top and bottom off the bottle to leave a tube.
- Cut one or two small semi-circular notches from one end.
- Tie the pieces of string to the stick about the same width apart as the width of the bottle.
- The stick stops everything you thread onto the strings from sliding off.
- Use a pencil to make two small holes in each round tray to thread the strings up through.
- Thread the smaller one on facing upwards. Thread on the bottle, notched end first.
- Thread on the second tray facing downwards. Tie the strings at the top leaving enough of a loop to be able to slide the top tray up and fill up the feeder tube with seed mix.

**Osprey facts – are they true or false?**

1. True 2. False (they weigh 1.5kg) 3. True 4. False (they live up to 25 years) 5. True

**Crossword.**

**DOWN**
1. A large bird that eats fish.
2. What osprey eat.
4. Chicks hatch from this.
6. Osprey beak colour.
7. A place to lay eggs.

**ACROSS**
3. Large area of water.
5. Ospreys favourite fish.
8. Ospreys dive into it.
9. Young osprey.

**Answers: True or False –**
1. True 2. False (they eat fish) 3. True 4. True

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