

## Dianna Hutts Aston - A Nest is Noisy

**A gorgeous and informative look at the fascinating world of nests. From tiny bee hummingbird nests to orangutan nests high in the rainforest canopy, an incredible variety of nests are showcased here in all their splendor. Poetic in voice and elegant in design, this carefully researched book introduces children to a captivating array of nest facts and will spark the imaginations of children whether in a classroom reading circle or on a parent's lap.**

Genre: nature, birds, science

Themes: non-fiction, biology, environment, animals, habitats

Age: 6-7

Activities:

1. Research and create a profile for one of the animals mentioned in the book. What does the animal look like? What type of nest does the animal live in? What does the animal eat? Does it live with any other animals? What countries will you find it in? Any other fun facts! (CC: Geography, Science)
2. Looking at pictures of the different types of nests, can pupils compare them using descriptive words? What similarities are there? What differences are there? What are they made from? How big are they?
3. Using any materials that you have available, ask pupils to design and make a nest. The nest needs to be able to protect bird eggs should it fall out of a tree. What will they use? How will they test it? (CC: STEM)
4. Following the poetic theme of the story, in groups or as individuals can pupils write a short poem about an animal of their choice? Can they make the lines rhyme? Can they include facts about the animal? Can they use descriptive words?
5. As nests rely on trees and many other plants, ask pupils to think how habitat destruction or pollution could affect the animals and their nests. Pupils could work in groups to make a poster and then present their ideas to each other. (CC: Science, Geography)

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