# Ncture Near You

## **Journal Prompt:**

What are you excited to do outside this fall?



#### Animal of the Month: Black-capped Chickadee



The Black-capped Chickadee is a familiar bird that you can find just about anywhere in B.C.! Growing to only 12-15 cm long, they have very good memory and can remember where they hid food for a long time. They are also very brave and comfortable around people, so they are common to find at bird feeders!

#### At Home Activity: Bark Owls

What you need:

- Tree bark
- 2 acorns or tree cones
- Twigs
- Pumpkin or sunflower seeds
- Hot glue

How to:

- 1.Explore your local park or forest and gather tree bark, twigs and acorns/tree cones from the forest floor.
- 2. Carefully break the bark you find into the shape of an owl
- 3. Glue the 2 acorn caps or tree cones onto the bark to be the owl's eyes
- 4. Glue the pumpkin or sunflower seed pointing down between the eyes to be the owl's beak
- 5. Glue the owl to a twig to display it!

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### **Other Resources:**

**Fun Nature-Themed Activities for Kids:** Discover more fun crafts and activities to do with your family! *https://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/category/kids-activities/nature-activities/* 

**Wildlife Safety:** Learn about local animals and how to be safe and respectful around them. https://wildsafebc.com/species/