**Teacher information sheet**

**Adult birds**

Identifying features: Colours, shape and size of bodies and beaks, length of legs and wings

Behaviours: Flying, finding food, finding a mate, building a nest, laying eggs, incubating eggs, feeding babies, protecting babies, communicating, resting

**Baby chicks**

Identifying features: Little colour, size of bodies and beaks, few or no feathers

Behaviours: Asking for food

**Bigger chicks**

Identifying features: Colour, shape, size of bodies, beaks, fluffy down feathers

Behaviours: Asking for food, jostling for position in nest

**Fledglings**

Identifying features: Adult colours starting to appear, size of bodies, beaks, most adult feathers there but not fully developed

Behaviours: still relying on parents for food, venturing out of the nest, stretching and fluttering of wings to get ready to fledge (leave the nest)

**Juveniles**

Identifying features: Colour markings like adults but may be less distinct, shape and size of bodies and beaks similar to adult birds, adult feathers

Behaviours: learning to forage for own food by copying parents, staying near parents for some time