

AS GIRLS ARRIVE

Invite the girls to add something new to their All About Me Nests, this time a drawing or photograph brought from home of something they use to care for themselves. If they haven't brought anything, invite them to use the available art supplies to create something now.

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Opening Ceremony: Animals Around the World (Robin: Great Britain)

Have the girls gather in a Daisy Circle. Let them know that during Story Time today, they will hear more about Robin, the red robin.

- Point out that the robin is the national bird of the United Kingdom homeland of Sunny, the sunflower, who is friendly and helpful.
- Show the girls the picture of a robin and share this fact about robins:
 Robins love to sing and will even sing in the middle of a cold, winter night.
- Invite girls to create a symbol of one thing the robin eats, such as worms, seeds, spiders, or other insects, and add it to the Team Animal Mural. Or, if the girls didn't make a papier mâché robin in their first gathering, have them team up to make some now out of paper or other materials you have on hand, and save one for use in the Closing Ceremony of the next session.
- After the girls have added their symbols to the mural, bring them together again in a Daisy Circle. Remind them that people need things, just as animals do. Go around the circle, and ask each girl to suggest a need people have. You might start by saying: I need water to live. What do you need to live?

LISTEN TO A ROBIN

If you have access to a computer, search online for the sound of robins' beautiful chirping. If you don't have a computer, here is an approximation of various sounds robins make: "teek," "tuk-tuk," "teacheach," and "eee."



The European robin is smaller than the American robin!