

# Robin



**“A bird does not sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song.”**

Maya Angelou (Originally Joan Walsh Anglund)

- Robins are one of the few birds that keep singing all through winter, they are often the first birds to sing at dawn and the last to stop at night. They are regularly voted Britain's favourite bird, perhaps because they bring colour and hope to a grey winter's day.
- They may appear cheerful and friendly, but they are fiercely territorial and determined to protect their young.
- Robins will still sing when it's cold and grey outside. Our quote reminds us that we don't need all the answers, we don't need to wait until the time is right. Sometimes it's enough just to believe in ourselves and have the confidence to sing!
- Are there children in our care who need to hear that message too? How can we encourage them to find their voice and sing? How can we show that we believe in them and give them space to flourish? Whose hopes and dreams could we listen to this week?