



The Chaffinch



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This book is to be read after the sound

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has been learnt.

You can sound these words out. Practice them before you start to read the book.

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Sam and Pam were out in the garden. It was a lovely spring day and the sun was shining.

They were helping their mum to do the gardening.

There were lots of birds singing and they seemed to be happily flying around.

Just then a small bird hopped onto the ground by the bird feeder and started to pick up some seeds.

“Mum, quick, look at that bird!” whispered Sam.

Mum turned to look.



“I have never seen a bird like that in our garden before,” she said. “I don't know what it is.”

“I will find out said Pam.” She ran inside to find her bird book on her shelf.

She came back down into the garden and sat down to look for the bird.

“There is a bird here that looks like it,” she

said.

Sam came over to look. “Yes, I think that it is the one. It has a brown back and a pink breast. What is it?”

“It says it is a Chaffinch,” replied Pam.

“What do Chaffinches eat?” asked Mum.

“Well, they eat seeds. They eat them from the ground.”

“Well, well,” said Mum. “A Chaffinch in our garden. Well I never!”

“Do you think his wife might be making a nest near our house?” said Pam.

“She might be,” said Mum. We will have to keep a look out for our Chaffinch.

Maybe we will see him again if he and his wife are nesting near our house.”

“Where do they make their nests?” asked Sam.

Pam looked in her book. “Its says here that they make their nests in the fork of a tree. They collect roots to make it with and line it with grass.”



It was a few days later that the children saw their Chaffinch again. This time his beak was crammed with things to make a nest.

The children were so happy to think that their new friend was going to have a family. Maybe they would see the little chaffinches before too much longer!

