



Feabhra

FEBRUARY

There are signs that nature is coming to life again. Catkins **1** decorate the hazel tree and the blackbird **2** sings his happy song. Blackthorn **3** begins to bloom and the little wren **4** sits among the leaves and ivy berries **5** looking for a suitable nesting site. Lichen and moss **6** colour the wall. Crocuses **7** peep through to brighten the winter gloom. Black-headed gulls **8** follow the plough,

searching for tasty grubs and worms, while wood-pigeons **9** perch on the branches of a beech tree **10** looking for seeds. Newborn lambs romp in the field with their mother. The children know the 'country code'! They always make sure to shut the gate.