

### Big Idea: Robots and Machines

This week we have been becoming inventors and engineers building, designing and creating all different types of robots and machines inspired by the story *The Robot and the Bluebird* by David Lucas. The story is about how friendship and companionship can make such a big difference to our happiness and the children have been talking with lots of sensitivity and empathy about the robot and his struggles! Here is a link to a video of the story being read: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RwoZ5ZVpfIU> We have been getting busy drawing story maps and books, making our own robots, painting pictures of scrap heaps, building machines in block play, sorting and counting nuts and bolts, fixing machines in the repair shop as well as learning how to dance like a robot!

### Next Week's Big Idea and Big Challenge

Following on from the children's interest in the bluebird in our story, we will be beginning our new Big Idea of Birds. We will be doing lots of bird spotting, learning about different types of birds, thinking about how we can look after birds as well as reading lots of stories with birds in! Why not try being a bird spotter at home? Are there any birds visiting your garden? You could set up a bird spotting station and count how many different types of birds you see. You might even want to make your own binoculars to help! Do you know anything already about birds? Maybe you could make an information book telling us everything you know! Don't forget to post any pictures on Tapestry of your exploring and learning at home!

