

Big Idea: Birds

We have had so much excellent exploring and learning during the two weeks we have spent on our Big Idea of Birds. We began by discovering everything about bird spotters, making our own bird hide, identifying birds by their feathers and songs, making different types of bird feeders, weighing and measuring bird seed, making nests in the mud kitchen and writing lots of bird fact books. We read the story Ssh We Have a Plan and practised our story telling skills in the small world. The children loved the story so much that we watched the "Shh! We Have a Plan" puppet show opera and were inspired to make our own card puppets that move using split pins! Here is a link to the opera we watched at school.https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=2k_yEBBEvyw This week we have been drawing and painting birds of prey, making giant eagles in construction as well as creating our own RSPB centre in the role play and finding out what to do if we find a lost baby bird. We have been reading the book I am Henry Finch and talking about positive self talk when we are feeling low. We even made our own thinking corner in the classroom with ideas of what to do when you feel sad e.g. remind yourself what you are good at, do some rainbow breathing, sing a song to yourself etc.. We were blown away by the children's ideas! Well done everyone!

Next Week's Big Idea and Big Challenge

Next week we will be taking part in a whole school Creative Cultures project in which we will be focussing on Australia. Talk to your child about Australia? Have you ever been? You might even want to look on a map to find where it is! I wonder how long it takes to get there and what you might see when you do? We will be talking about native Australian animals, looking at aboriginal art, singing Australian songs and even performing our own aboriginal dance to didgeridoo music. We are also looking forward to seeing lots of you on Friday as we will be holding an open afternoon between 2-3pm for parents where we will be exhibiting our artwork and showing videos of our dance performances!

