

Brilliant 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 *Shh We Have a Plan* and practised our story telling skills in the small world. The children loved the story so much that we watched *Shh We Have a Plan* puppet show opera. 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 we will be building on the children's interest in machines and move on to a new Big Idea of 'Robots and Machines'. We will be busy building, creating and designing our own robots and talking about what jobs machines do for us to make our lives easier! Why not have a hunt for machines around the house? How many machines can you count in each room? What jobs do they do for us? Can you design your own machine or robot to do a particular job and make your life easier? You could even watch video clips of machines in action on Youtube and talk to your child about what the machine is doing, what noises it is making, if they have seen one in real life? You could also talk to your child about any machines that you use in your jobs! They might like to draw a picture of you using your computer or even driving your tractor!

