

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, making a car washing machine in construction, 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

Next week we will be building on the children's interest in machines that help us and moving on to our new Big Idea of '10 Ways to Save the World' This will be focussed on looking after our planet and the things we can do to help. Can you think of any machines that help us to save the world? and make a difference to our planet? Why not talk to your children about recycling? Encourage them to help sort the recycling at home and notice what can and can't be put in each bin. Have a go at making your own compost or even making some recycled paper! Maybe you could go on a litter picking walk in your local area or plant some bug friendly plants in your garden?

