

Our journey started with a visit to Ava at Washington Wetlands.



We charted Ava's journey using the map resources available and followed the adaptations lesson to teach us more about ospreys.



As a school we are trying to make our school grounds a place to preserve nature.

We have a working partnership with Earthwatch Europe to create a **tiny forest**.

<https://tinyforest.earthwatch.org.uk/tiny-forest-sites/427-lord-blyton-primary-school#>

We each planted a variety of trees so we can watch our trees grow everyday as we enter our school grounds.



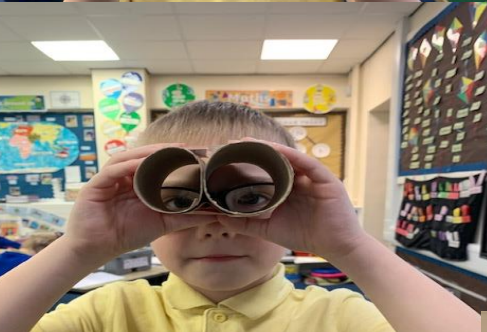
Big Bird Watch – we completed the RSPB Big Bird Watch and made bird feeders. We hung them in our forest school to encourage more birds.



We have completed tasks as class work and homework.

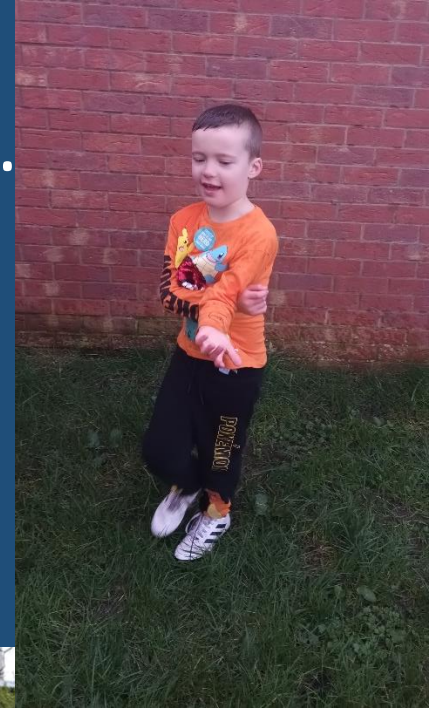
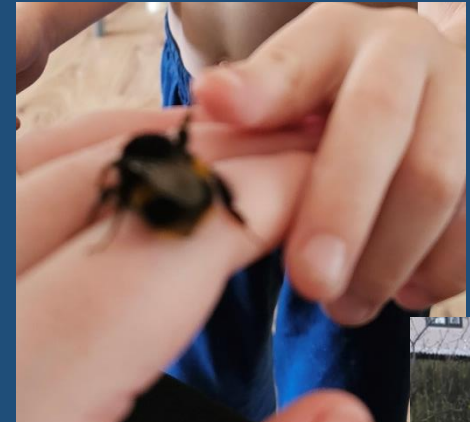
- We started with a simple challenge to make our binoculars and to find a leaf on the way to school – this was to make it accessible for all.
- Enthusiasm for our tasks grew and even our lovely families got involved by going on nature walks etc.



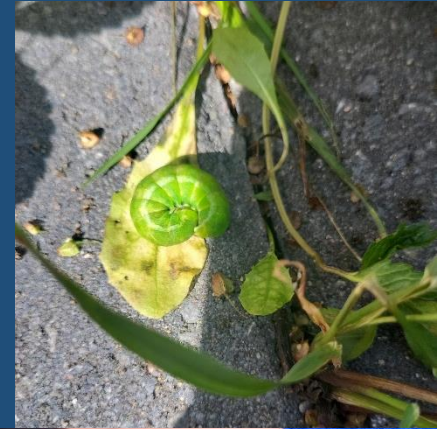


Here are some examples of challenges completed.

We have danced in the rain, jumped in puddles and explored the nature around us.



We have used recycled materials to create homes for animals and plants



We love hugging trees!





We have used scientific skills to study the microhabitats we have created in our garden. We used tools to carefully to collect and study mini beasts and then returned them to their habitat.

We prepared our vegetable bed ready for planting. Our cabbages will attract lots of caterpillars!
We added soil to our potatoes.



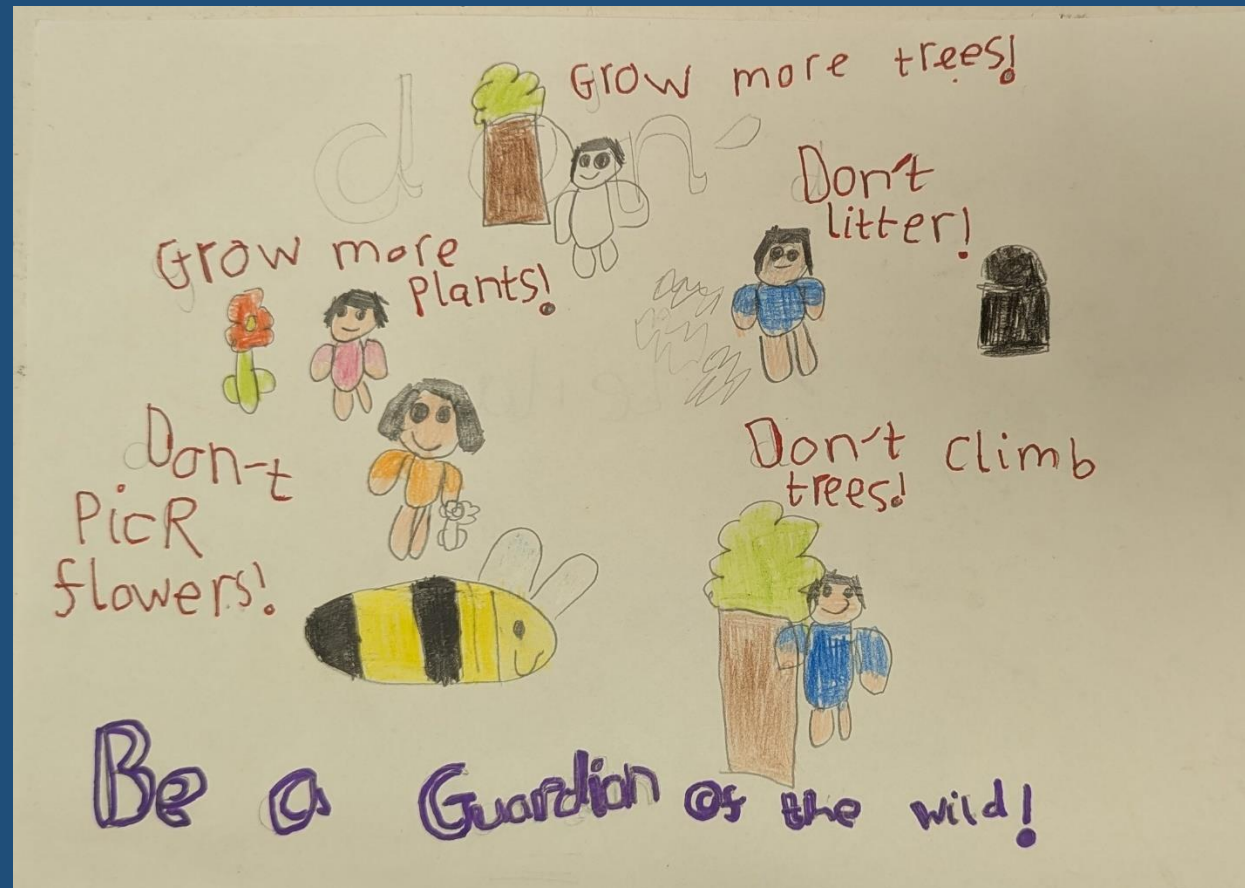
Cloud watching!

Some of us did our cloud watching at home. Later, we all joined together to watch them at school so that everyone could experience it – it was beautiful!



We created posters to spread the word!

We created posters to inform others how they can look after nature and become Guardians just like us!



We have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the Guardians of the Wild project.

- It was fun!
- It was easy to access the programme online.
- The activities were inclusive for all.
- We loved the challenge of gaining badges.
- It engaged us more with nature and made us look around more.
- Our families really got behind us and supported the children, resulting in family fun for all!
- Mrs Mattimore says, 'As a teacher, it has been the most motivational programme I have ever experienced – I was blown away by the enthusiasm generated by the challenges and I hope to do it again!'