

## Eco Council Newsletter February 2024

This year the Eco Council are working on the RSPB Wild Challenges. Their next chosen challenge was to take part in the RSPB Schools' Birdwatch.



Before we met, the Eco Council looked at some pictures of common garden birds, to help them identify them. We then met at lunch time and looked across the field, noting down birds that we saw. We had to record the largest number that we saw at any one time, for example if we saw 3 magpies, and then 1 magpie, we would record 3 as the highest number that we had seen.

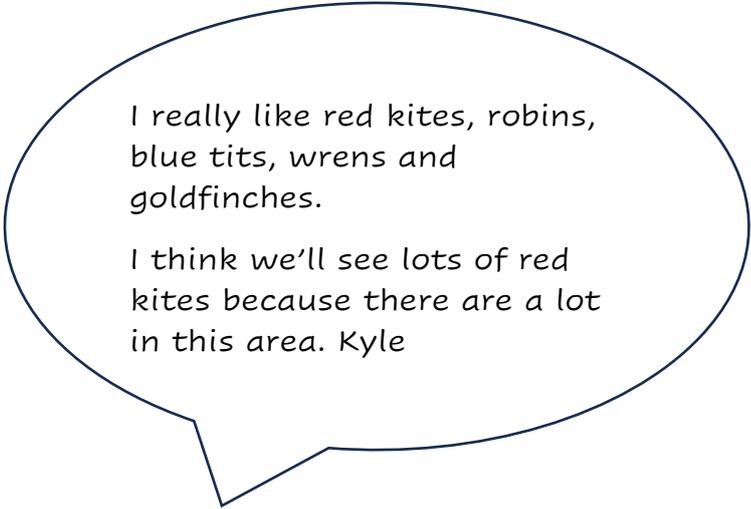
Here is what we thought about bird watching:

I'd really like to see a wren.

Zoya

Once I put out food for the birds and another time I didn't. The results were really different. We saw lots of crows when there was food.

Leila



I really like red kites, robins,  
blue tits, wrens and  
goldfinches.

I think we'll see lots of red  
kites because there are a lot  
in this area. Kyle

We have submitted the results online and will look at them together once the RSPB has received information from all schools that took part.

Attached is more information if you want to have a try at birdwatching at home.

The RSPB website has lots of ideas about how to encourage birds in your garden.

### **Our plans for the year:**

The other challenges we chose are Habitat Heaps, Homes for Amphibians, Look Closer and Plant Safari. We will complete these during the year so look out for our next newsletters.

Good luck if you look for birds!

The Eco Council