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## BMA Eco Club Newsletter 1

At our weekly eco club, we are striving to make our school an environmentally friendly place where students can enjoy their learning and experience the joys of our eco systems firsthand!

What we have been doing so far....

For our first few regular sessions, we have completed the planning for a pond, which will be a long-term project and is one of our major goals to as a group. We have also completed a litter pick up, which resulted in 2 and a half bin bags being picked up in around 40 minutes, which was a major sign that we need to focus on the picking up of litter and the prevention and awareness of the seriousness of the situation we are in, and we have been bird watching as a group, spotting several starlings, a robin, and of course, many pigeons and seagulls!

### *Our projects and plans!!!!*

#### Our bug hotel

For the last few weeks, we have been transporting sticks, planks, and pallets. Soon, we had more than enough, and we began the process of building our bug hotel! We spent our 50-minute sessions piling up pallets and sticks until we had quite a considerable pile, and it was quite obviously successful, because as soon as we had finished it, a ladybird had landed on it and had started to explore it. Hopefully, this will be a sign of many more to come!



#### Constructing our pond

After weeks of research and deliberation, we have started the process of construction for our pond and the wildlife around it! We have first drawn out our designs using meter sticks in a classroom, and then we completed the outline of our pond shapes using ice lolly sticks and string and then we transported these outside to create the shape our two ponds! The images below show our meticulous construction of the designs, which will then, at a later date, be made into our raised pond that will have plants, sand, soil, and wood to create a habitat for a biodiverse environment!

