



The BIG Top on Monday

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It's an alien welcome to News in Brief The Arena 2001!

Arena (5-10s)

Richard Colpus had a real shock when the crash of the alien space ship upset all his plans for the morning in The Arena. But soon he got the children settled down to make things and to think about how God made the world.

The children did their work in small groups (each with two Leaders) named after planets (like Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.) and rockets (like Apollo, Ariane, Discovery, and Titan).

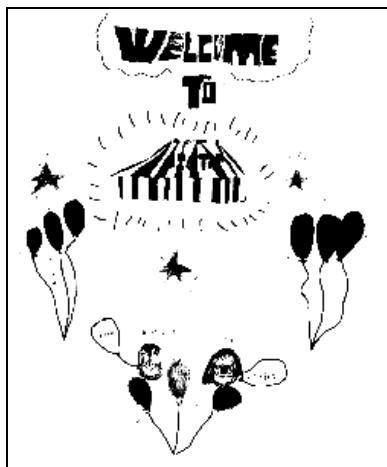
Rainbow Tent (3-4s)

Jackie Dixon is the main Leader for the week in The Rainbow Tent. The children enjoyed themselves with fun and games during the morning.

Marquee (under 3s)

All the children (and their carers) loved the antics of the Bert and Lucy today, especially when the Puppet Pair danced to the music.

It was a creative day in The Marquee today - Steph Wilkinson ran an Art Class for the carers and the children did some craftwork.



Lucy's Special BIG Top poster

The Arena had a dramatic start this morning when an alien space ship crash landed in The BIG Top. A BIG Top spokesperson said that none of the children were injured, a number of Leaders were suffering from acute surprise, and all three Aliens on board escaped uninjured.

The three Aliens (Bodgit, Widget, and Gadget) claimed to have travelled from their home planet (Zabrox) and to have got lost on their way to Zap. They would not go to a Leader and demanded "Take me to your Planet's Owner".

Captain Bodgit claimed he would repair their space ship personally and that there was no need for anyone to call the AA. But it looks as if they are stranded on earth until rescued.

The BIG Top says: "Come on Captain Bodgit - fix it if you can!"

Complaint to the Owner!

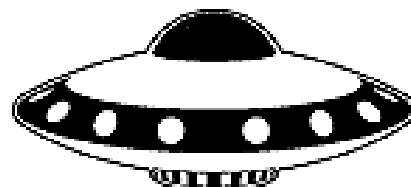
The Aliens are learning about Planet Earth. Today they asked everyone in the Arena lots of questions. But asked how they came to crash land on Earth, all Space Pilot Widget would say "It's all down to poor signing of space lanes in the vicinity of Venus. We are going to lodge a formal complaint with the Owner".

The BIG Top says: "Sounds as if Widget can't tell his left from his right!"

Lucy's Special Poster

Lucy has designed a wonderful poster to welcome children to The BIG Top. Bert told our reporter: "It's a special poster because Lucy's special. So it's Lucy's special poster!"

The BIG Top says: "Nice one Bert. We agree she's special ... and the poster is quite good too!"



The Aliens' space ship in flight

Don't Forget

Photo of the Day

Find it on our website at <http://come.to/TheBigTop>.

The Memory Verse

On the back of this Newsletter each day will be part of the memory verse. Learn it day by day until you can remember it all.

Come to our Sunday Celebration

There will be a BIG Top Celebration on Sunday on St Mary's and St Peter's school field starting at 10.30am. It will continue until mid-afternoon. Songs. Games. BBQ. Assault 2000 inflatable assault course etc.

Space Fancy Dress

On Friday there will be a fancy dress competition on a space theme in The Arena with prizes for the winners.

Clothes Exchange

The Marquee will be running a clothes sale, swap and exchange during the week. Bring good quality spare clothes along.

Window on the World

This edition of The BIG Top comes with a free CDROM - *Window on the World*. It will help any Alien - or Earthling - learn about the wonders of God's world - Planet Earth.