

Minibeasts - Week 6: Bees

Communication and Language (Listening and attention, following instructions and concentrating)

Ask your child what they know about Bees? Have they ever seen a real one? What did it look like?

Look at these photos of bees:

What can you notice about the bees?



Bee Facts



- ☀ Honey Bees communicate with each other through a special 'waggle dance' to give the direction and distance of the nearest flowers. The bigger the waggle, the better the food!
- ☀ Bees collect both nectar and pollen from plants and store them in their hives to feed the queen, the workers and the larvae.
- ☀ The bees bring in pollen in special hairs in their legs (called pollen sacs) - the colours vary depending on which flower the bees have been on.
- ☀ When a worker bee finds a new flower with nectar, they pass it on to another worker bee when they get back to the hive. They face each other to do this.
- ☀ Each hive has a leader, the 'Queen Bee' who can be recognised by her larger size.
- ☀ A single hive contains an impressive 40,000 - 45,000 bees.

Learn all about bees, click on these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta154f5Rp5Y>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2jfMHWYTDk>

Creative



Draw your own hive, use yellow paint to finger paint, then use your thumbs to thumb print the bees.



Make a hexagon shaped book draw a bee on the front the then fill your book with other pictures of other objects that are black and yellow/hexagon shaped objects/objects beginning with B.

Challenge – make something with honey here are some ideas:

Honey and lemon water https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMO7ReyV4_o

Caramelized banana <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bujhyAsKolc>

Honey chicken https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71HJZSm_J1I

Literacy

Reading - Click the links below for stories

The very greedy bee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yw77rwV1LV0>

The Happy bee https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZM_UT1ojSA

Are you a bee? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kePv4tviABo>

Phonics:

Jolly phonics Click the link below – look and learn the sound for “b (for bee)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMns7nj3kjQ>

If you would like to view the following document this will give you an insight as to what we follow in nursery, this will give you many phonics ideas to extend your child’s learning.

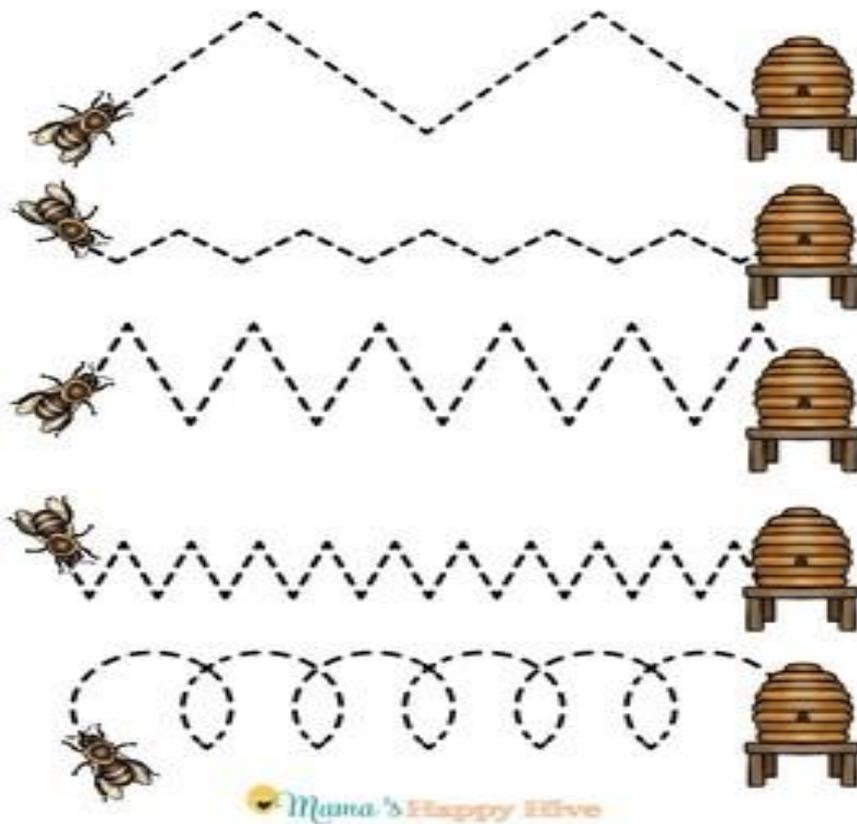
Letters and Sounds - gov.uk

Additional phonics websites – to access the phase one games for Nursery age.

<http://www.phonicsplay.com>

www.phonicsbloom.com

Literacy - Writing



Encourage your child to follow the lines without removing their pencils from the paper, working left to right.

Keep practicing name writing, encourage activities that we strengthen your child’s muscles in their hands getting ready to write. I.E. Threading activities, playing with playdough, picking up small fiddly objects (small coins, buttons) and placing them in a pot.

Understanding the world –

Bee sound <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MT-tMyUbijY>

Like fruit thank a bee <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txv2k7OoY7U>

How do bees make honey? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AECtOFpbgVs>

Go in the garden and see if you are lucky enough to see a bee.

Physical - Get moving by clicking on the links below:

Do the waggle dance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NVYh6RyzWLA>

Bee dance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5zuh2_v1hFo

Bee dance music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jcdtJVTJmxY>

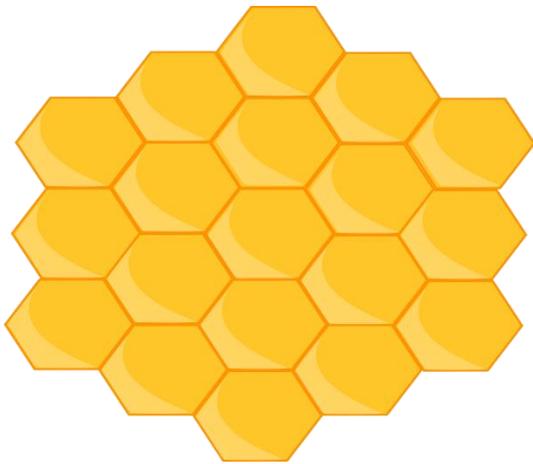
Maths

Bee counting to 10 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZP_rr1FhoQ

Shapes, Sides and Vertices <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24Uv8Cl5hvl>

Hexagon song <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCjtAOGdGFI>

Have a go at drawing hexagon shapes like inside of a bee hive



Patterned shape sheets, looking at the bee we can see he has one yellow stripe then one brown creating a pattern, use the sheets below to encourage your child to follow the pattern, then the blank one for them to create their own.



Patterns Worksheet 1

Parents, help your child to:

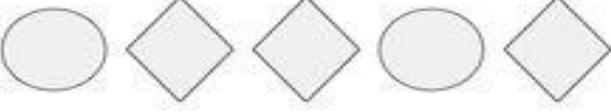
1. Identify what comes next in the pattern.
2. Color the shape to continue the pattern.



Name: _____

Complete the Pattern

Look at each pattern below and then use the box on the right to complete the pattern.

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So we know a bee makes a buzzing sound, what sounds can you make with your bodies? What sounds can your mouth/hands/feet make?

A new bee action rhyme to learn

Here is the beehive. (Hold up one hand made into a fist.)

But where are all the bees? (Both hands palms up as if asking a question.)

Hiding away where nobody sees. (Hold the other hand over the fist as if hiding it.)

Here they come flying out of their hive, (Keep one hand in a fist and have the other "fly" around it.)

One, two, three, four, five! (Hold up one finger at a time to count.)

Happy learning, please remember it should always be fun, and it can happy anywhere!

I look forward to receiving your photos.

Keep safe and well – Mrs Elliott