

Nursery

Summer 1 topic-- All Creatures Great and Small

Listen to/read the story of Bumble Bear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6ZaSM6sNGw>



Cheeky, sneaky Norman has a cunning plot to trick the bees and steal their honey. In his best bee onesie, Norman makes quite a convincing bee—but how long will his disguise last? And when the hive is endangered can he finally discover his true destiny and become The Bumblebear? This book has a lovely message about how there is a place for everyone and that everyone is good at different things. At first, Norman doesn't fit in but then something happens and he is seen as a hero who has a special job to do! It is a great book that provides lots of opportunities to talk about differences, feelings and friendships. It is beautifully descriptive and, perhaps best of all, funny. Bumblebear has a sweet message about acceptance at its heart.

Here are some activities for you to try at home. This is not a tick list for you to work down, choose your favourites and do them as many times as you like - repeating them is good! Don't forget to email us to tell us about all the fun you are having at home. Please send your emails to tigercubs@leebrigg.wakefield.sch.uk

Some Bumble bear activities can be found here. <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/time-to-read/book-pack/the-bumblebear-2017/>

Communication and Language:

- Can you repeat the alliteration 'buzzing beast bursting'?
- Learn the following : Munching Monday – eating honey sandwiches
Tiptoe Tuesday - don't disturb the bees!
Wiggle Waggle Wednesday – waggle like a worker bee
Thinking Thursday –thinking how do they make honey?
Flying Friday – we are buzzing like a bee
Sunny Saturday – we are flying in the sky
Sunbeam Sunday – shaking pollen off our bottom.
Can you act out the actions?
- Introduce new vocabulary and use alternative words such as squealed and expose the children to alternative words such as shrieked or wailed.
- Play listening games, such as What am I? Describe an object, can your child find it without you naming it?
- Give your child verbal instructions to follow to make an Oreo biscuit bee!



Literacy

- Can you clap the syllables in words from the story? - Bum-ble-bear (3 claps) A-me-li-a (4 claps) Nor-man (2 claps)
- Play the sequence game! Can you remember the things that Norman did at school? Can you remember them in the correct order?
- Listen to the author Nadia Sherren read the story of Bumblebear
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6ZaSM6sNGw>
- Play oral blending and segmenting games. <https://www.phonicshero.com/oral-blending-and-segmenting/> Remember not to add an uh to the sounds when you oral blend and segment. Say sss not s-uh. The correct articulation of sounds are available on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ksblMiliA8>
- Play Kim's Game- place a selection of objects on a tray, cover them up, take one away without anyone seeing. Can they tell you which one is missing. Make it more difficult by taking 2 or 3 away!
- Look at non-fiction books about bees and bears.
- Can you practise writing your name?
- Who were the characters? Where did the story take place (setting)? Which part of the story did you like? What does 'diabolical' mean?

Physical Development

Pretend you are at BEE SCHOOL: Can you?

- Practice buzzing! Loud and quiet
- Create a mat area for wrapping and rolling in sheets and blankets.
- Play some playground games such as hopscotch, musical statues, hide and seek (outdoors).
- Learn the Waggle Dance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NVYh6RyzWLA>
- Label up four areas such as bluebells, sunflowers, daffodils and tulips. Children pretend to be a bee! Call out a flower name and the bee flies and buzzes to the flower! You could even have bean bags/balls at the flower to bring back to buckets at the hive.
- Fly like Norman: flapping (bees do it 200 times a minute!)
Use positional language to fly around outdoors.



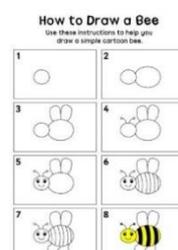
Maths

- Make some flipper flappers (scarves, tissues, scraps of material) . Using your flipper flappers as wings, you can be the bees flapping. How many flaps can you do? (Bees flap their wings 200 times a minute!)
- Learn a new number rhyme: Use your fingers for this one! One little bee went buzzing one day, he wanted to find some friends to play. Queen bee shouted, 'buzz back, buzz back!' And two little bees came zooming back!
You could also learn ' Here is the beehive' or The bees go buzzing'



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5Bs9xydba0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWUgZm_AE64



- Make some bees, cut them out and count them. How many did you count?
<http://resources.sparkleboxteacherresources.ltd.uk/12000-13000/sb12296.pdf>
- Make a repeating pattern bee using grapes and cheese!



Understanding the World

- Learn about bees and what they do for our world? Learn the facts by repeating them and sharing them with your family.
http://naturemappingfoundation.org/natmap/facts/honey_bee_k6.html
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/insects/honey-bees/>
- Learn about the three roles of the bee: queen, drones and worker.
- Create a wotsits (cheesy puff crisps) pollination experiment.
<http://littlekinderwarriors.com/2011/04/pollination-science-lesson.html>
- Look at bee features: Bees waggle dance for communication (you tube). Bee's amazing tongues! What flowers attracts bees?
- Make a bee bath <https://gardentherapy.ca/bee-bath/>
- Find out what creatures eat bees.
- **Answer the following questions:** 'Do bears really eat honey?' Do we have bears in England?

PSED

- Why do bees work well together? (Team effort). Are you part of a team?
- The queen threw Norman out bee school, how do you think Norman felt?
- What did Norman like about bee school? What do you like about nursery?
- Thinking about the bees – why are bees so happy? Is it because they live in a community? What is a community? Are you part of a community?



EAD:

- Make a paper plate bee
- Make a spoon bee
- Make a walking bee
- Make a bee from a cylinder (empty Kitchen roll/toilet roll)
- Make a peg bee
- Make an egg box bee
- Learn a new song https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oST_t2XaBaY
- Listen to the flight of the bumble bee music
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYAJopwEYv8>
How does it make you feel?



