

Thematic Learning – Week 9 – Bee Aware!

School-based Projects/Useful Resources for Schools

'Bees' as a theme has so much potential and could fill a year – never mind a week! There are some amazing websites with a plethora of ideas. We have provided links to a few. Many have wonderful resource packs which would make this folder too big to upload so we would encourage you to have a browse and see what's out there. Here are just a few ideas you might want to use.



Paint rocks with positive messages on and create a school trail.



Create a bee hotel

Older children could do some research on the best ways to do this. Some experts believe single species 'hotels' create a much healthier environment for mini-beasts as opposed to trying to attract them all to the same one.

Create a buzz around school with some giant bee sculptures. You could use the bees from the Manchester bee trail as inspiration or browse the internet for other ideas such as the second one below. Grab some wire and modroc and 'bee' creative!



Bee Spotting Guide/Trail

Why not create a bee-friendly wildlife patch? Older children could research some of the plants and flowers that could go in there to provide year-round food and shelter

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/how-to-make-a-bee-friendly-garden/>



Create a guide to the many different bees we can find in our parks, gardens and countryside.

Children could research the different kinds and create factfiles with pictures which could be put made into posters/leaflets/snap cards/pairs games/mobiles or laminated and displayed around the school grounds



Red Tailed Bumblebee



Useful resources & websites:

- Lots of resource packs on this site <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/learning-zone/>
- Woodland Trust – Types of Bee
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/05/types-of-bee-in-the-uk/>
- STEM – Save Our Bees https://www.stem.org.uk/system/files/elibrary-resources/legacy_files_migrated/30499-Save%20our%20bees_FULL.pdf
- Understanding Bees Education Pack – The Bee World Project: International Bee Research Association
<https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/resources/864>
- The Bee Cause – Pack for Educators: Friends of the Earth
<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/bee-cause-pack-educators>
- Association for Science Educators (ASE) – remote learning
<https://www.ase.org.uk/ase-coronavirus-hub-primary-remote-learning-resources>
- Flight of the Bumblebee is a great introduction to classical music
- Encourage younger children to do a bee 'waggle' dance with this BBC Dance – Audio (18min)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b03g6vs6>
- RSPB – Build a Bee B&B
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/buildabeebandb/>
- BBC baking with Children – Honey Flapjack
https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/honeyflapjacks_73203