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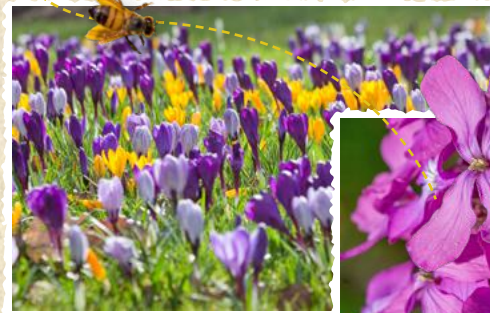
Big Bee
Challenge



Bees travel from flower to flower drinking the sweet nectar and finding pollen for their food – can you be a buzzy bee?

Pollen is a rich food for many bees and nectar is a sugary, sweet treat! To collect up what they need, bees must travel to many different flowers collecting up the pollen to take back to their home.

By being busy, buzzing between flowers, shaking up the pollen, bees move pollen around from one plant to the next. This is called pollination and most plants need it to happen so they can grow their fruit. We need it to happen so we can eat their fruit!



Fun facts



Honeybees do a special boogie called a 'waggle dance' to tell their friends how to get to the best flowers.

Bumblebees have fluffy bodies that they keep clean by grooming - like a cat!



Not all bees make honey.

Bees store nectar in a second, special honey tummy.



Activity: Make your own fuzzy, buzzy bee!

- Cut out an oval shape and a circle shape from card. Stick onto a lolly stick
- Use felt pens to add the stripes and a face. Honeybees have five eyes!
- Stick cotton wool onto the body and head to make it fuzzy
- Add some wings. All bees have four wings
- Buzz around the garden and pollinate the flowers by carefully pushing your bee into the centres and giving them a little shake
- How much pollen can your bee collect? Check it's face to see how yellow it is!



Top tip:

Grow flowers that are good for bees and other pollinators. Simple shapes with open petals are best - like cosmos.

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