

All About Bees



What Do We Know About Bees?

Have you ever seen a bee?

What do bees look like?

What noise does a bee make?

Do you know any facts about bees?



What Is a Bee?

Bees have 6 legs.

Bees have wings.

Bees are a type of flying insect.

Bees are very important as they help to pollinate plants. This helps plants to grow and produce food.



Can you name any other parts of my body?



Different Types of Bee

Did you know that there are over 25,000 different species of bees? Here are just a few of them.



Honey Bee



Leafcutter Bee



Furrow Bee



Bumblebee



Mason Bee

Where Do Bees Live?

Different types of bees like to live in different places. You might find bees living in hollow trees, underground or even in sand dunes.

Our nests help us to protect our eggs, larva and pupa. These will develop into bees.



Some bees like to live inside plant stems or small holes.



Some bees like to make their own nest. They might make a nest in a tree, in a garden or under a roof.



Some bees like to build their nests in holes or empty tunnels underground.



What Do Bees Eat?

Bees like to feed on nectar and pollen. Nectar is a sweet, sugary liquid that bees drink from flowers.

Nectar tastes very sweet. Pollen is often dusty and yellow - it gets stuck to my legs and body!



What Is Pollination?

When bees have finished drinking all of the nectar on one flower, they fly to the next one.



The pollen that was stuck to their legs rubs off onto the next flower. This is called pollination. It helps plants to grow and produce food.



Can you see the pollen that is stuck to this bee?

How Do Bees Help Us?

By pollinating lots of different plants, bees help plants and fruits to grow.



Honey bees also produce lots of honey.



We make honey and store it as food for the winter, when there are fewer flowers.



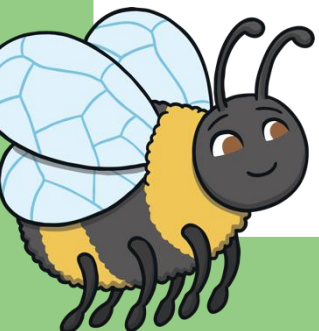
Facts About Bees

Bees have four wings. They have two wings on each side of their body.



Honey bees do a 'waggle dance' - although they are not actually dancing! It is a clever way for them to tell the other bees where to find food.

The noise a bee makes comes from its wings. Its wings can move 200 times each second.



How Can We Help Bees?

Plant bee-friendly flowers in your garden or other open spaces.



Create a bee pond. Bees can't swim and don't like getting their wings wet but they do need water. Leave a shallow dish of water out for bees to drink from.

Build some bee hotels or bee nests.



