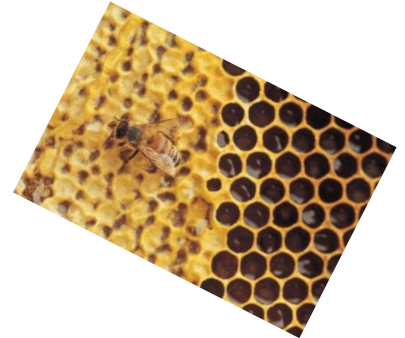


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WORLD BEE DAY



On Friday 20th May it is World Bee Day! The purpose of World Bee Day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem. The world would be a much different place if bees didn't exist and it is important to think about the preservation of honeybees and other pollinators. Prior to learning about World Bee Day last year I didn't realise how many different species of bee there were in the UK!



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How to help preserve bees:

- Make and set up a farm for bees and other pollinators in your home garden.
- Use pesticides that do not harm bees, and spray them in windless weather, either early in the morning or late at night.
- Plant bee-friendly shrubs or flowers in your garden.
- Chose several colours of flowers. Bees have good colour vision to help them find flowers and the nectar and pollen they offer. Flower colours that particularly attract bees are blue, purple, violet, white, and yellow.
- Have a diversity of plants flowering all season. This will support a range of bee species that fly at different times of the year.
- Buy honey and other hive products locally.
- Support a beekeeping/environmental charity.

Home Challenges

I would love to see some home learning that you may carry out all to do with World Bee Day! Please send any work to zoe.griffiths@st-nicholas.staffs.sch.uk.

Some ideas include:

- ❖ Researching the different types of Bee and making a fact-file on them.
- ❖ Researching the role of the bee and the importance of helping to save bees – maybe you could write a report/record a news report on bees/create a poster?
- ❖ Planting some bee-friendly plants in your garden.
- ❖ Finding out how honey is made.
- ❖ Bee crafts – there are lots of ideas on Pinterest!
- ❖ Create your own wordsearch/crossword using key words related to bees.
- ❖ Make your own bee hotel.

Here are some websites that you may find useful:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48308339>
- <https://www.pestworldforkids.org/pest-guide/bees/>
- <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/bumble-kids/>
- <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/05/types-of-bee-in-the-uk/>
- <https://diygarden.co.uk/wildlife/ultimate-guide-to-bees/>
- <https://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/how-to-save-the-bees/>
- https://www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife-explorer/invertebrates/bees-and-wasps?gclid=EAlaIqobChMly_i5q9XE6QIVD-vtCh3QeACQEAMYSAAEgIYyvD_BwE



Many Thanks,

Miss Griffiths.