

## INTENT

'If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe, then man would only have four years of life left.' Albert Einstein

At the Parkland Federation, we believe that outdoor learning has a plethora of benefits for children. Research has suggested that outdoor learning boosts confidence, social skills, communication, motivation and physical skills as well as improved knowledge and understanding. It has also been found to boost children's self-esteem, self-confidence, ability to work cooperatively and help them develop a positive attitude to learning.

On our school grounds, we have a secluded area where we keep our Parkland Beehive. We utilise this to support children's love of nature and the great outdoors. In order to be able to do this, we have worked in partnership with the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) and currently have four trained staff members. Our Bee Curriculum goes hand in hand with our work as an Eco School as well as our commitment to wellbeing where we encourage our school community to 'connect', one of the recognised five ways to wellbeing





## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Our Bee Curriculum is delivered in all year groups from Year R to Year 6 and sits alongside our learning in science as well as our work around preserving the environment.

We use recorded footage from our hive to enhance learning and, with parental consent, children are able to visit the hive and observe our trained beekeepers in action. There are also opportunities to handle the beeswax and taste the honey and honeycomb. Cross curricular links are made with other subjects such as art and geography to enhance learning further.



Key Stag	Year Group	National Curriculum Link	Bee Knowledge	Skills	Activity	Resources	Key Vocabulary to learn
EYF	R	Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants	To know that a bee is an insect  To know that a bee makes honey	Observation Recording	Looking at pictures of bees, how are they the same/ different https://www.nursery world.co.uk/features /article/eyfs-activitie s-we-ve-explored-b ees  Tasting honey/ Making honey sandwiches  Watch the Parkland Hive video  Learn the Honey Song with Winnie the Pooh https://www.youtube .com/watch?v=-Sw WL5xCzhM	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Bee-Book-Charlotte-Milner/dp/0241305187  Winnie-the-Pooh Helps the Bees! published by Farshore  Bees: A Lift the flap eco-book (Ladybird Eco-Books)  The Bee Book by Charlotte Milner  Are you a Bee? by Judy Allen  Bee: A Peek through Picture book by Britta Teckentrup  The Honeybee by Kirsten Hall	Bee Insect Honey

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		Identify and name	To know what a	Using their	Is it a bee?	Busy Bee	Bee
		a variety of	bee eats	observations and	<b></b>	<u>activities</u>	l
		common animals that are	To know the main	ideas to suggest answers to	Making model bees to label	   Parkland Hive	Honey
		carnivores, herbivores and	body parts - compared to	questions	using playdough	video	Antarctica
		omnivores	human body parts	Finding areas of the world on a	How does a bee see? Tuff spot -		Weather
			To know what a bee does when	map, including Antarctica	children experience how to		Wing
			the weather is		see like a bee		Leg
			warm	Weighing and measuring/Food	using bug goggles		Head
1	1		To know what a	Technology	Where do bees		
			bee does when		live? (Map work		Body
			the weather's cold		link to geography)		
			To know that bees		Make bee		
			live all over the		cupcakes		
			world except Antarctica		Bee cupcake		
			Antarctica		<u>recipe</u>		

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		Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited  Describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of	To know the habitat of a bee  To know how bees communicate  To know that bees make beeswax as well as honey	Identifying and classifying  Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions	Visits to the hive and wildlife garden to see where our bees live.  Where do bees live? Link to geography	Bee School Curriculum links  Waggle Dance instructional video  Parkland Hive video  Book - The	Bee Honey Hive Colony Antarctica
1	2	animals and plants, and how they depend on each other	To know a bee collects pollen and nectar and uses this to feed baby bees as well as make honey		Create a waggle dance  Look at the inside of a beehive. How does this habitat suit the bee?	Beeman by Laurie Krebs	Weather Beeswax Pollen Nectar Waggle Dance

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2	3	Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement  Identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat	To know in detail the parts of a bee  To know there are 3 different roles for bees within a hive  To know how and why a bee stings  To know how deadly the Japanese Honey bee is and how it kills an enemy hornet  To know what a bee eats and drinks  To know that bees can swarm and why they do this  To know bees have predators	Making systematic and careful observations Research	To make a detailed labelled diagrams of a bee, including stinger  What does a bee need to live?  What does a bee need to survive?  video link  Research - How does a bee make honey?	Understanding bees Education pack  Parkland Hive video	Antennae Mouth Eyes (5) Tongue Legs (6) Thorax Abdomen Exoskeleton Worker Queen Drone Pollen baskets (knees) Spiracles Honey stomach Stinger Wings Japanese Honey Bee Swarm Predator

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2	4	Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and the wider area  Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things  Construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey	To know there are different varieties of bee  To know that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways using a classification chart  To know that environments can change and this poses dangers to living things, including bees. To know that there are 3 main threats to bees - pollution, climate change and pesticides  To understand that bees have a flight path and that this is why some people use the term 'make a beeline for ' something  To know that the word Dumbledore means bumblebee in old English  To know honey has nutritional benefits  To know beekeeping can be a career and generate income	To be able to gather, record, classify and present data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions  To be able to report on findings and give conclusions  To be able to identify similarities and differences  Weighing and measuring/Food Technology	Research the different types of bee in the uk  Go out into the school grounds and observe bees. What types can they see?  Use a bee classification chart to identify types of bee  Using a range of pictures of different bees, sort the bees into groups according to their appearance  Make Honey & watermelon smoothies  Beekeeper video link	What bee is this? video link  Different types of bees link  Parkland Hive video	Social bees Solitary bees Wallace giant bee Dwarf bee Bumble bees Flight path Global warming Pollution Threat Pesticide Flight path Climate change

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2	5	Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird  Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals	To know the lifecycle of a bee for the queen, worker and drone bee  To understand in detail what happens inside a hive  To know how far a bee travels each day & throughout their lifespan  To know how a bee carries pollen from plant to plant  To understand the impact on our planet if bees disappeared - what would we miss?  To understand the concept of a robobee and artificial ways we could pollinate	Reporting and presenting findings from enquiries  Debating  Describe/ Articulate	Create a bee life cycle diagram  Instruction writing for a bee: How to pollinate a flower  What pollinators visit our own school grounds?  What's killing our bees? What is happening to our honey bees? Bee numbers in the world are declining. Discuss with the children why they think this might be?  Debate: Should we work to save bees or would artificial pollination (AI) work?  Use the VR headsets to look at bee gardens, pollination and a 3D image of a bee	Honey bee life cycle video link  Why are bees attracted to flowers video link  Which pollinators visit our school grounds  Parkland Hive video	Hive Colony Queen bee Worker bee Drone bee Global warming Pollution Threat Pollination Travel Artificial Robobee Debate

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2	6	Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to their common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals  Identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution	To know and understand the different roles each bee has within the hive/colony  To know what makes a queen bee and understand what she does all day  To understand the process - how bees make honey  To understand how a worker bee is born  To understand a day in the life of a worker bee  To know that honey can be flavoured based on the pollen collected	Classify Research Describe/ Articulate	Create a bee fact file  Learn about the work of Eva Crane (bee researcher)  Diary entry - A day in the life of a worker bee/Queen bee  Visit to the beehive  Honey tasting  To look at the work of artist Matthew Willey  Matthew Willey  Video link	Bee fact links  BBC Bitesize Importance of bees video link  Beehive facts for kids video link  Inside the beehive video link  Parkland Hive video	Hive Colony Queen bee Worker bee Drone bee Honey Flavour Global warming Pollution Threat Pollination Artificial Wax cells Foraging

