

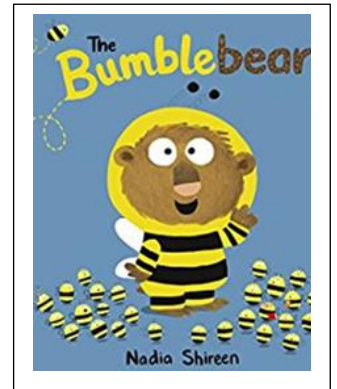


# Southridge First School

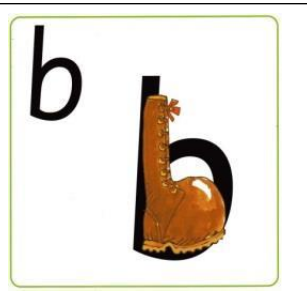
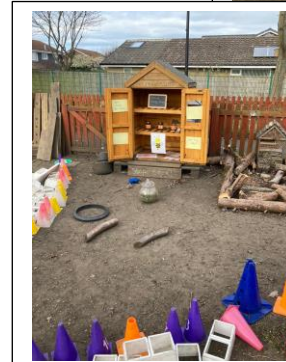
## Nursery Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely holiday and it was great to see how quickly the children settled into our routines again.

We began the week listening to the story 'The Bumblebear' by Nadia Shireen. In this story, Norman the Bear is looking for a way to get more honey. He dresses himself up as a bee and joins bee school where he has lots of fun with his new bee friends. Unfortunately he gets found out when he can't resist eating the honey from the secret store. However, when another bear comes to raid the hive, Norman saves the day and is allowed to return to bee school as a Bumblebear. We decided to make our own Queen Bee crowns and the children were challenged to find natural resources in the garden of different colours, sizes and shapes to stick on their crown.



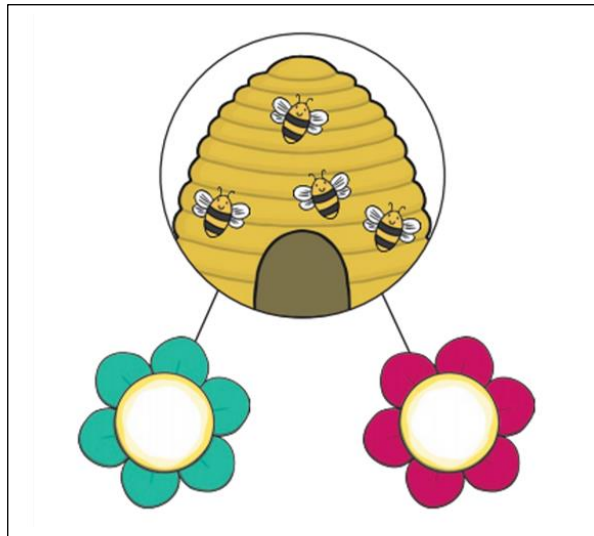
We also discovered a secret honey store in our garden but unfortunately a cheeky bear had found it and eaten some of the honey, just like in the story! We asked the children how we could protect the honey and they decided to build something around the pots so that the bear couldn't get them. We think the bees will be very happy with it.



In phonics we have been learning about the phoneme /b/ and the sound it makes in words like banana, bubbles, baby and boot. It is a short, bouncy sound. We use the picture to help us remember the sound and the formation rhyme to help us write it: Down the laces to the heel, round the toe.



In maths, we explored the properties of a hexagon by counting 6 corners and 6 sides. This led to a super discussion about beehives. Some of us used hexagon shapes to make our own beehives. We also used the picture below as a prompt for maths talk. Where might the bees land? How many on the blue flower? How many on the purple flower? The children understood that there was more than one possible answer.



This week the children have enjoyed playing in our role-play Garden Centre. They have pulled letters from a flower and identified the sound each one makes. We also found out about the special waggle dance the bees do to tell the other bees where the good flowers are. We listened to 'The Flight of the Bumblebee' and drew our own bee waggle dance pattern as we listened.

Please continue to send anything for your child's learning journey to both [laura.heads@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:laura.heads@ntlp.org.uk) and [helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk](mailto:helen.mason@ntlp.org.uk). Remember to add your child's words in the observations you send to us, we love to hear what they have to say. Have a lovely weekend. The Nursery Team.