

Topic Focus

Living things and their habitats, plants and animals and working scientifically.

Overview

The activities in this topic encourage children to see burial grounds as important havens for a range of wildlife. They encourage children to explore different habitats and to view burial grounds from different angles. By investigating mini-beasts, habitats and trees as well as important British species like Hedgehogs, Bumblebees, Lichens and Yew trees the children will use and develop observation and recording skills as well as simple field techniques.

The activities are: Tremendous Trees, Green Guardians, Mini-Beast Mania, Habitat Hunter, Let's Investigate Lichens, Creature Comforts - Hedgehogs, Bumblebees, Slow Worms, Swifts.

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Key Skills

Investigating
Observing
Questioning
Classifying
Identifying
Recording
Measuring

Key Words

Habitat
Conditions
Mini-beast
Lichen

Curriculum Links

This topic helps develop pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding in Science, Geography, and PSHE.

EYFS

Understanding the World
The World

John Muir Award

Discover
Explore
Conserve
Share



Try the following activities if you are working for any of the following badges:

Rainbows - Look and Learn

Beavers - Explore Activity

Brownies - Environment, Friend to Animals, Science Investigator, Seasons, Wildlife

Cubs - Naturalist Activity

Guides - Animal Active, Science

Scouts - Naturalist Activity, Global Conservation Activity

Bumblebees

Resources

Bumblebee Template

Bumblebee Writing frame

Poem - Buzz Along by Max Fatchen

Activities

1. Papier-mâché Bumblebee - cover a balloon with papier-mâché. When it is dry paint the Bumblebee colours and pattern. Attach tissue paper wings.

2. Bumblebee finger puppet - draw and paint a small paper Bumblebee. Cut it out and attach a small loop underneath, big enough to fit around your finger.

3. Create a tissue paper flowerbed - a favourite with Bumblebees.

4. Move like a Bumblebee.

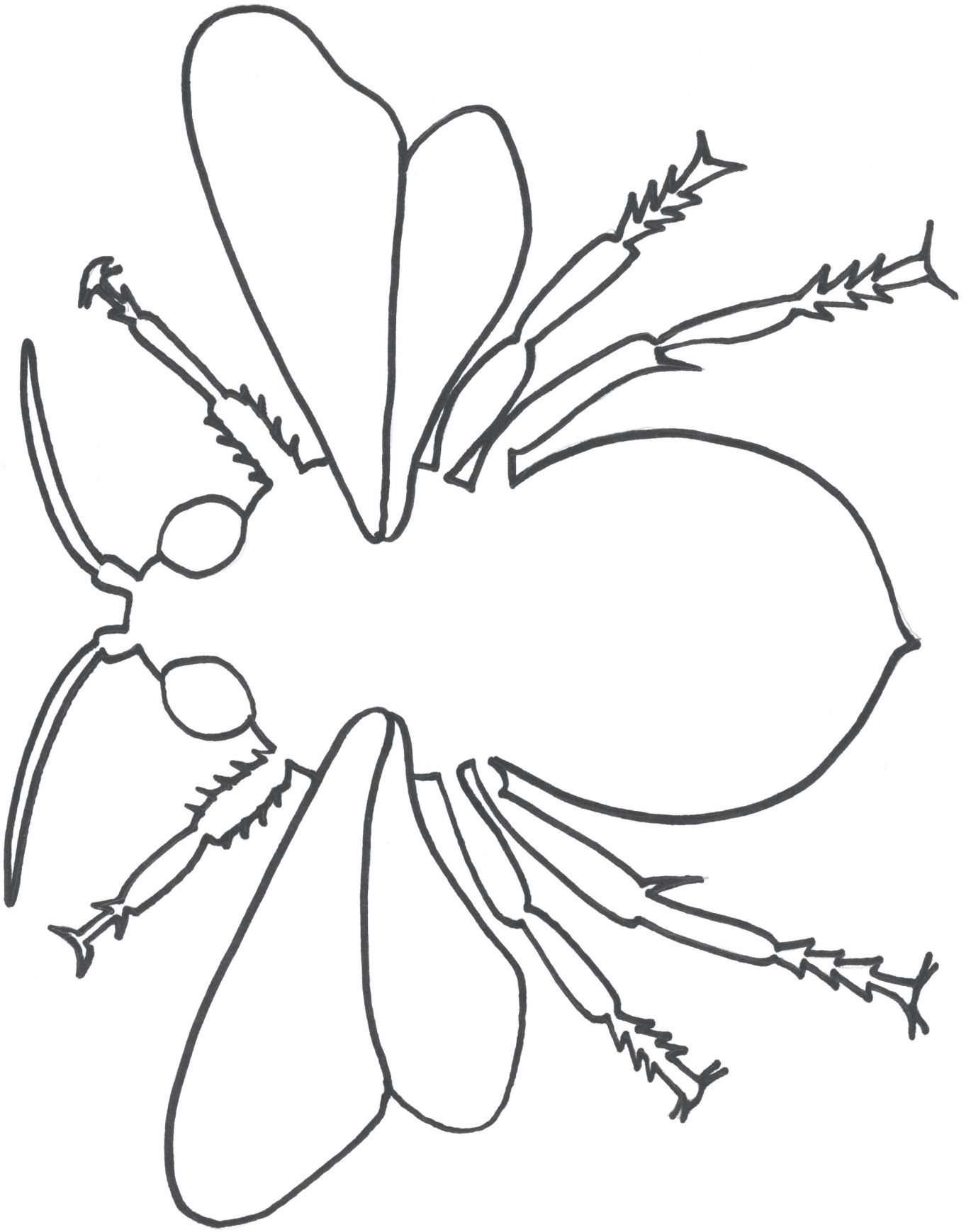
5. Grow pots of wildflowers - from seed to put outside your classroom or to take home for your gardens. The Bumblebee Conservation Trust website has lists of suitable plants; beekind.bumblebeeconservation.org and plant flowers next to school gardens to increase pollination.

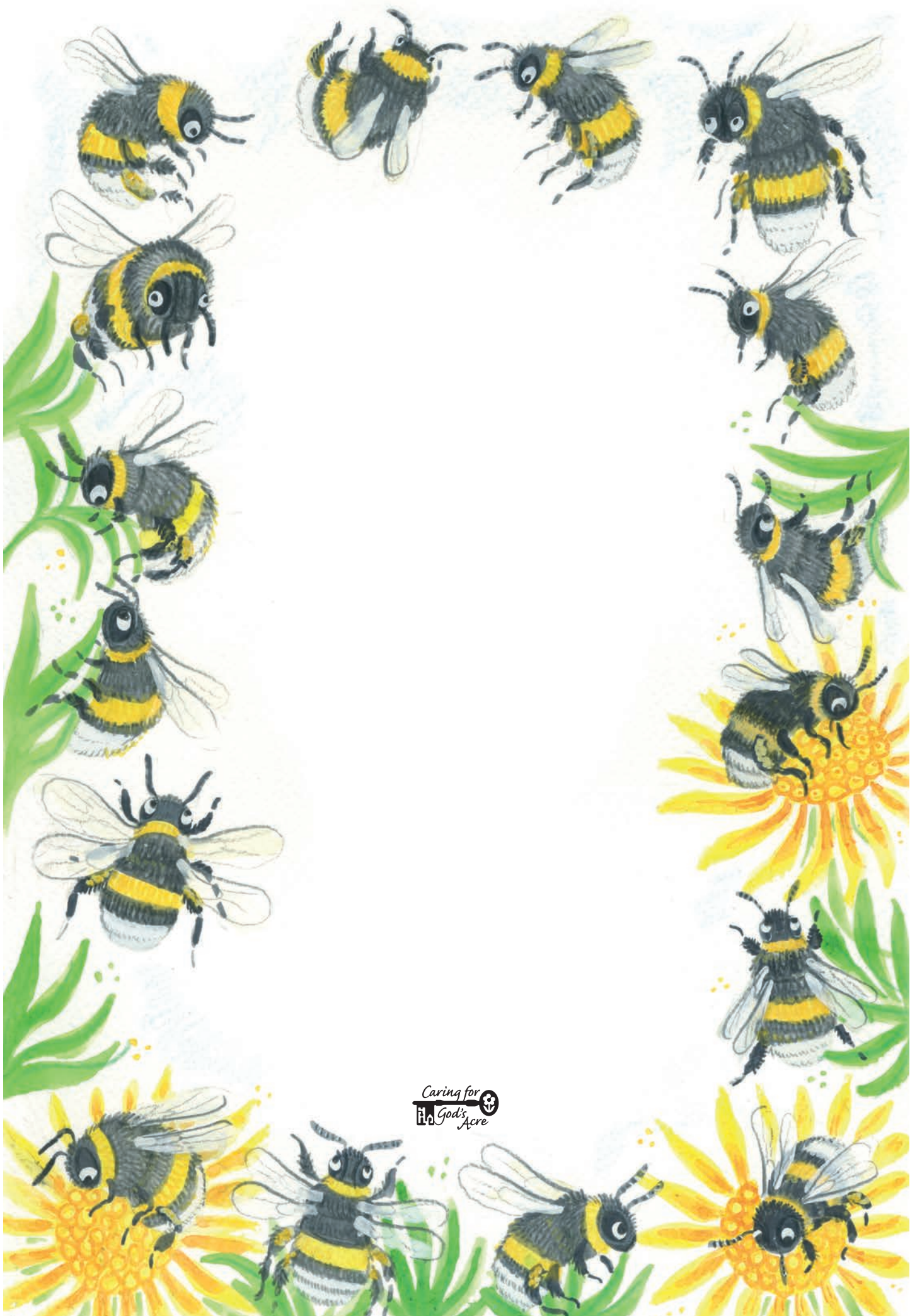
Bumblebee book list

Buzz, Buzz, Buzz! Went Bumble-bee (Giggle Club) by Colin West

Bumble Bee by Margaret Wise Brown







The page is framed by a vertical border of illustrations. On the left, several bees are shown flying upwards and interacting with green leaves. On the right, bees are shown flying downwards and landing on a large yellow flower. At the bottom, four bees are depicted on yellow flowers. The bees are drawn in a detailed, textured style with black and yellow stripes and translucent wings.

Buzz Along

The flight of the bee
seems erratic to me
with a buzz and a flutter of wings.
If you're wise let it pass
through the hedgerows and grass
for it has a small section that stings.
It is up and away
at the coming of day.
This insect from work never shrinks.
Through the sun and the shower
it will visit each flower
that is serving delectable drinks.

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