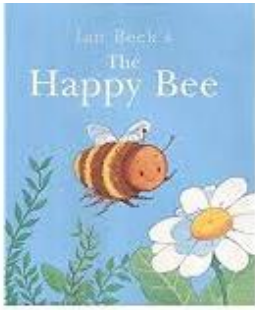


## Home learning week 6: The Happy Bee

If you do not have the book you can find the story here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnNf2j1Gl\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GnNf2j1Gl_4)

### Communication and Language Activities

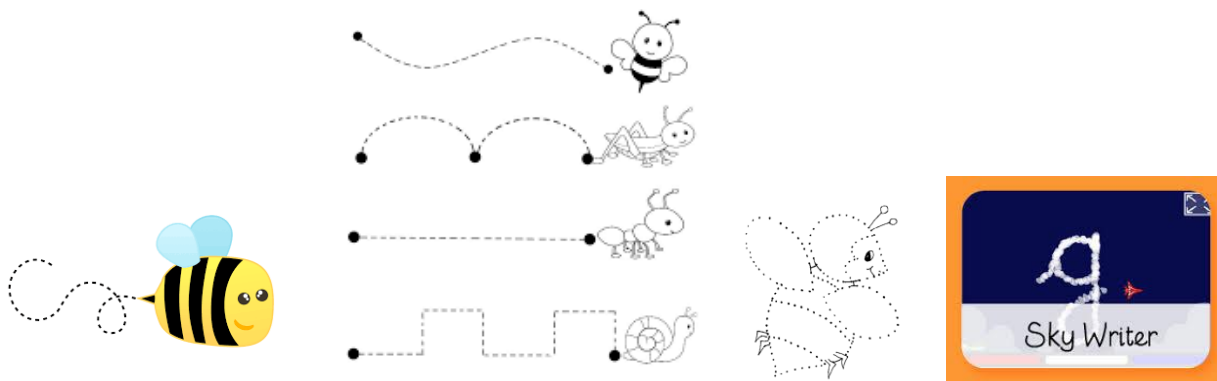


Share and discuss the story. Why does bee fly from flower to flower? What makes bee happy? How is a rainbow made? Simple stories are ideal for encouraging children to make up their own versions. First you could try changing the main character for example a colourful caterpillar or lovely ladybird could go and visit all the different flowers. Then encourage your child to use their imagination....what other things could the main character go and visit throughout the story for example, trees, birds, fairies etc. You and your child could draw what happens in your story (like a map) to help them remember and practice their story telling.

You could also scribe (write down your child's ideas). It is really important the children see grownups writing for a purpose. Your child may want to write the story themselves making their own marks on paper. These may or may not be recognisable letters but whatever stage your child is at please praise them for their work as this will encourage them to want to do even more!

### Physical Activities

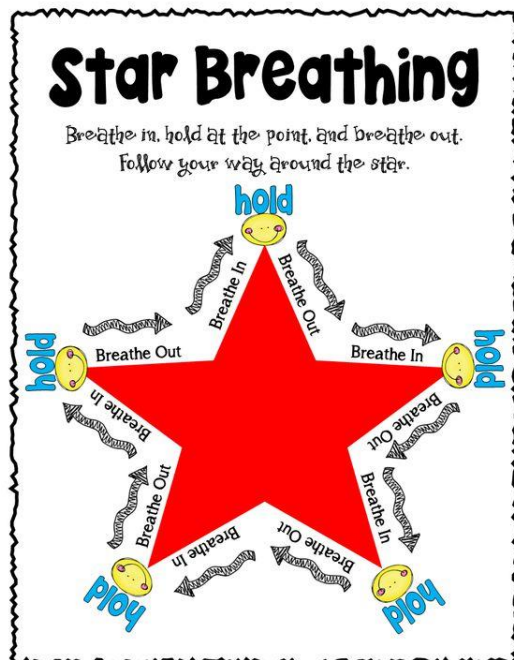
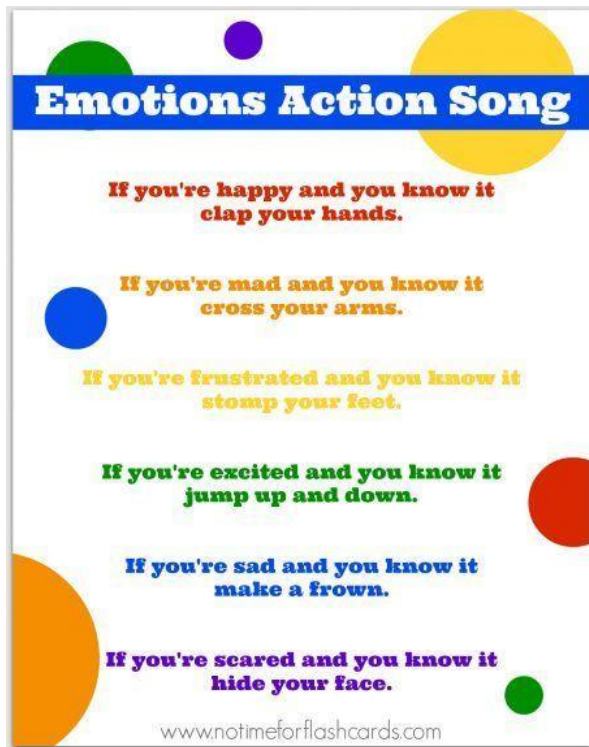
Not all nursery children are ready to start writing letter shapes at the same time. This is because certain gross motor (big physical movements) and fine motor (small scale movements) skills need to be developed first. In our class dojo story there will be a document attached called Every Child a Mover. Please look at this for ideas about how to encourage your child's physical development.



If your child is showing an interest in writing letters other than the ones in their name it is important they learn how to form the letters correctly. If you Google SkyWriter on your device and click on the letters children can watch them being formed and follow the aeroplane with their finger. We would always encourage the children to form letters in lots of different ways before writing them with their pencil.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Activities

Try singing the emotions song below to see if your child understands and can express the different emotions; happy, mad, frustrated, excited, sad and scared. Talk about things that make your child happy. You could then use these ideas as coping strategies for when your child feels sad or angry. For example, draw a picture, have a hug.



Children often need to be taught how to take deep breathes properly. Star or hand breathing are good exercises for practicing this.

## Literacy

Why not ask your child to go on a 'b' hunt and find objects in your home beginning with 'b'?

'B' for bee is the opposite of 'l'. 'L' is a long sound but 'b' is a short sound – this means you can bounce it like this, "b,b,b,b,b". Remember to watch the alphablocks clip in the link below for how we pronounce different phonemes (sounds).

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/alphablocks-watch>



Keep playing eye spy or some of the other phonics games on Cbeebies to help your child to practice hearing and saying sounds in words. This will help them when learning to read and write.

## Maths



Find 6 items that match each colour of the rainbow & note them in the box.  
Group them together and make your own rainbow indoors!



This week's Maths challenge is called 'Hunting Rainbows'. Your child needs to find 6 items around the home to match each colour. Once your child has made their rainbow you can use your objects for all different mathematical activities.

If your objects are small enough you could make this sorting activity with kitchen rolls. If your child is confident with matching and sorting objects then they will be able to start making repeating

patterns. Choose two colours and make a pattern with your objects e.g. red, yellow, red, yellow, etc. When they have tried this several times you could see if they can do it with three different colours i.e. red, yellow, orange, red, yellow, orange.





## Creative



(bubblewrap honeycomb)

As always we would love to see your bumblebee pictures and crafts. However we would also like to see you encouraging your child to develop their creativity in different ways. Out of the Ark have produced a bee musical for children and you can find some of their songs and dances on Youtube. Why not encourage your child to make up their own mini-beast moves? If they are not keen on dancing you could make some musical instruments and act out another of their favourite songs. Here is the link to one of the bee dances and some ideas about how to make homemade musical instruments:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXjM\\_XTgrvY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXjM_XTgrvY)



## Knowledge and Understanding of the World

You can click on the link below to find out about how bees make honey. Watch it together and discuss any new words and if the children can remember what they have learnt.

[https://youtu.be/s0248uQf\\_ao](https://youtu.be/s0248uQf_ao)

**Have fun and send us your photos and videos on class dojo!**