





## FUN WAYS TO LEARN AT HOME BEES AND FLOWERS



Bees re-emerge in spring after hibernation.

They live in nest colonies in tree hollows or in the ground. Flowers provide delicious food sources such as pollen and nectar. Bees move from flower to flower collecting food and as they do, they leave pollen from other flowers behind. This results pollination. It creates seeds, which can grow into new plants. Other pollinators include butterflies, hoverflies, birds and bats. Pollinators love strongsmelling and brightly coloured flowers.

### Literacy: Can you name these pollinator-friendly plants?



















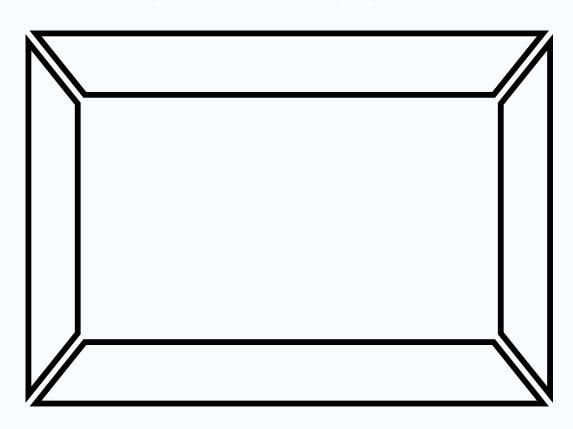








VISUAL ART: DESIGN A FLOWER YOU THINK WOULD ATTRACT POLLINATORS.



WHY DO YOU THINK THIS FLOWER WOULD ATTRACT POLLINATORS?

CAN YOU DESCRIBE THE SCENT YOUR FLOWER MIGHT HAVE?

DOYOU HAVE FLOWERS LIKE THIS IN YOUR GARDEN?







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# 'BEE' ARTISTIC! CAN YOU MAKE YOUR OWN SWARM OF BEES? HERE'S SOME INSPIRATION!













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### GAEILGE: MATCH THE ENGLISH WORD TO THE IRISH WORD BELOW:

garden

pollinator

flower

bumblebee

sun

nature

spring

honey

bumbóg

nádúr

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#### 'Bee' a Scientist:

Can you do some research to find out why pollination is important for humans?

Can you discover ways to make places more 'pollinator friendly'?

We really like the National Biodiversity Data Centre's 'Junior Pollinator Plan' (https://pollinators.ie/schools/)

We also love 'Gardening for Biodiversity' from Laois Heritage (https://laois.ie/gardening-for-biodiversity/).