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DIY Science Camp: Bees







Day 1



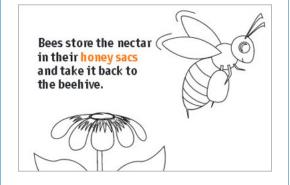
Honey Bee Smelling

Bees can locate scents that are miles away! Test your smelling memory with this kitchen activity.

Books to read together:

- Flight of the Honey Bee
- The Life and Times of the Honeybee

Day 2



How Bees Make Honey

Practice sequencing and learn some great words (proboscis, anyone?) by creating your own bee book.

Books to read together:

- The Honeybee Man
- The Honey Makers

Field trip:

• Visit a local bee farm

Day 3



Bee Thankful Smoothie

Thanks to the pollinators, we have many good foods to eat (and honey for sweetness)!

Books to read together:

- The Bee Tree
- The Life Cycle of a Honeybee

Write it!

• Bee poetry (cinquain)





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Day 4



Hexagon Hunt

Bees build their hives out of tiny 6-sided cells. Find heaxagon and other shapes around you.

Books to read together:

- Bees, Snails & Peacock Tails
- Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold

Day 5



Plant a Bee Garden

Bees are an important part of our food chain. Help bees thrive by planting a bee-friendly garden.

Books to read together:

- The Buzz on Bees
- What If There Were No Bees?

Write it!

• Nature journal

Day 6



Bee Hummer

Build a simple musical instrument that sounds like a swarm of buzzing bees when you spin it around.

Books to read together:

- The Bee-Man of Orn
- The Magic Schoolbus: Inside a Beehive





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Fiction Books

The Beeman by Laurie Krebs

The Bee-man of Orn by Frank R. Stockton

The Bee Tree by Patricia Polacco

The Honey Jar by Rigoberto Menchu

The Honeybee Man by Lela Nargi

The Humblebee Hunter by Deborah Hopkinson

The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive by Joanna Cole

The Queen Bee by the Grimm Brothers

Winnie-the-Pooh and Some Bees by A.A. Milne

Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold by Joyce Sidman

Nonfiction Books

Are You a Bee? by Judy Allen

The Beautiful Bee Book by Sue Unstead

Bees, Snails & Peacock Tails by Betsy Franco

The Bumblebee Queen by April Pulley Sayre

The Buzz on Bees: Why Are They Disappearing? by Shelly Rotner

Flight of the Honey Bee by Raymond Huber

The Hive Detectives by Loree Griffin Burns

The Honey Makers by Gail Gibbons

The Life and Times of the Honeybee by Charles Micucci

Life of the Honeybee by Heiderose and Andreas Fischer-Nagel

The Lifecycle of a Honeybee by Bobbie Kalman

What If There Were No Bees?: A Book About the Grassland Ecosystem by Suzanne Slade



