

Wednesday

LO: find out facts about honey bees and write them down.

Tasks for today:

- Use the fact-file, books or the internet to find out information about honey bees.
- Write your facts down (we will write a proper fact-file tomorrow)
- Find out the answers to these questions:
 - What habitat do they live in?
 - What do they look like?
 - What type of animal are they (classification)?
 - What do they eat?
 - Why are they important?
 - What threats do they face?
 - What interesting facts can you find?

All about... Honeybees

Honeybees are flying insects and are related to wasps and ants. They have a smaller and slimmer body than bumblebees.



Fascinating Facts

Honeybees die after they have stung. Their sting is barbed and sticks into the skin of the person or animal that they have stung.

To pass on information about different flowers and food to each other honeybees use a 'waggle' dance.

Honeybees make honey which animals and humans eat.

Where Do They Live?

Honeybees can be found living in jungles, woodlands, forests and gardens in many parts of the world, apart from Antarctica where it is too cold for them to survive. They make their own homes where they live called a hive; these can be found in places such as the hollow of a tree. Each hive can contain up to 80,000 bees.

What Do They Eat?

Honeybees eat pollen and nectar from flowers. Pollen is a fine powder made by plants and used by other plants to make seeds; pollen helps the honeybee to grow. Nectar is a sugary liquid that gives the honeybee energy.

Staying Safe

Honeybees use their sting to protect them although they are mainly gentle insects and will only attack if threatened. The honeybee has a number of predators including birds, small mammals, reptiles and other insects. Also, larger mammals such as bears destroy the hive of the honeybees so that they can eat the honey inside.