

Waggle dance game

Age: Infant, or junior with extensions

Time: 15-30 minutes for game, 45-60 minutes for groups to go out and do the wildflower survey.

- Aims:**
- Children will be able to identify some flowers that bees like
 - Children will understand that bees collect nectar and pollen from flowers to eat
 - Children will understand that bees make nectar and pollen into honey to feed their larvae (babies), and to feed themselves over the winter
 - Children will understand that honey bees do a waggle dance to tell other bees where there is nectar and honey

The waggle dance game

Discuss: Bees feed on pollen and nectar, which are found in flowers. Bees take pollen and nectar back to their nests to feed their larvae (babies) and make it into honey to store for winter.

Role play: Children pretend to be bees and buzz slowly round the room, visiting the flowers to see what they look like and pretending to take honey back to the nest.

Tell the children which flowers need pollinating. The children need to go and stand next to the right flower. To start with say the name of the flower, then give clues until all the children have found the right picture. E.g. Lavender...it's purple...it's got spikes of little flowers... Repeat until they can find all of them.

