London South East Children's University
May 2024 Challenges

Monday 20th May is World Bee Day, so all of the challenges this month are about bees!!!

You can choose to complete as many of these challenges as you wish – simply email your evidence (a photo is absolutely fine!) to Kate at BexleyCU@LSEAT.org.uk and she will send you your stamp code!

Beeswax wraps

A fantastic alternative to using plastic when wrapping up food (such as sandwiches) is using beeswax wraps and they can used over and over again!

These are really simple to make at home using any piece of 100% cotton material (please check it is 100% cotton), some beeswax and an iron (to be used under adult supervision!)

You can find small packets of beeswax on Amazon (like the ones in this link:) https://amzn.eu/d/5ajqkZS

You can follow these instructions on how to make your beeswax wrap (please note that if you use pellets, you do not need to grate them first – simply sprinkle them over the cotton material): https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-to-make-beeswax-wraps

"Bee" the change

Lots of people see bees as pests but they actually serve really important functions, so we need to help protect them!

For this challenge, we would like you find a way in which you can help protect the bees, whether it is creating a bee house, making your garden or balcony more bee friendly or even planting some bee friendly plants!

This is a great video to watch to get you started: https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/beethechange/resource/bee-the-change-video/

And you might find this website helpful in giving you ideas: https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/beethechange/

Label a bee

There are many different species of bees, but all bees are insects and they all have similar features.

For this challenge, we would like you to find out about these features and label the different parts of a bee via this link: https://rowsehoney.co.uk/pdfs/rowse-parts-of-a-bee-worksheet.pdf

Honeybee Lifecycle

This is your chance to be as creative as you can be! We would like you to show the lifecycle of a honeybee… but you can show this in whatever way you wish!

Maybe you want to create a 2D picture or diagram, or a 3D sculpture, or even a dramatic enactment with your friends and objects from your home to show the different life stages – the choice is YOURS!!!