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## Flowers & Insects

January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Blue and Yellow Class are very excited about this term's topic: Flowers and Insects – their habitats, life cycles and impact on the world.

We have attached a topic web to show you the learning objectives we will be working towards during the term and it also includes details of our ***Stunning Start, Marvellous Middle*** and ***Fabulous Finish***. If you have any skills, ideas for activities, artefacts or contacts which could help bring our curriculum to life, please reply on the attached sheet - we would really appreciate your input. In the same way, we will be asking the children for their ideas for learning activities when we start the topic.

Our stunning start is a visit from the RSPB who will be delivering their Bioblitz workshops on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January. **Year 1 will be having their workshop from 9:15 to 10:15am** while **Year 2 will be having their workshop from 10:45 to 11:45**. We would be grateful for any adult help for these workshops. Please just let your class teacher know if you can help out. The RSPB is providing these fun workshops to us free of charge but in order to support the vital and important work they do, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1.00. Children may come to school dressed for gardening! (And any adult helpers should also dress appropriately for working outdoors). If it is cold, please provide hats, scarves, gloves and a warm coat. If it is likely to be raining they will need a waterproof coat – we will be going ahead with this even if it is raining. Whatever the weather children will need sensible shoes/wellies.

We have attached a copy of this half term's home learning tasks, which we hope the children will enjoy trying out - please feel free to support them in completing these.

May we also take this opportunity to remind you that named PE kits (including a pair of plimsolls or trainers) should be in school every day. Please also remember that home reading books should be brought into school every day and when you read each evening a comment can be written in your child's reading diary.

Thank you for your support and do please feel free to come and talk to us about any concerns or queries you may have. Your help in class and during school time is always appreciated.

Many thanks,

Miss Otter and Mrs Mannion



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Here are some questions we hope to answer this term. Please contribute any ideas you have to help us to answer them:

- What is an insect?
- Where do insects live?
- What is a habitat?
- Can you name any habitats; describe what they are like and who lives there?
- Do all insects live in the same country?
- What is a life cycle?
- What is the life cycle of an insect?
- Are there any dangerous insects?
- What is the life cycle of a flower?
- How do plants grow?
- Can you name the parts of a flower?
- Which plants grow in other parts of the world? Can they grow in all habitats such as desert?

## Blue and Yellow Class Home Learning Activities

### 'Flowers and Insects' Spring Term

Please try and complete at least 3 activities, one from each group.

Art	Literacy	Maths / Technical / Science
<p>Make a shoe box garden/habitat – think about the insects that would live here</p> <p>Sketch and label flowers and plants in your garden</p> <p>Create a 3D sculpture of a flower or insect</p> <p>Study an artist that creates floral pictures e.g. Van Gogh, William Morris, Georgia O'Keefe</p>	<p>Write a poem about insects or flowers</p> <p>Write a description of your garden or local park</p> <p>Design a poster showing how to plant a flower and how to look after it</p> <p>Research and write a leaflet/booklet about an insect of your choice</p>	<p>Make a map of your garden or park – include a key</p> <p>Ask your family or friends about their favourite insects/plants and create a bar/block chart to represent the information collected</p> <p>Take photos of flowers/insects you see around our local environment</p> <p>Try planting your own seed, look after it, photograph at each stage of development and write a diary to go with it</p>



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## **Flowers & Insects - Blue and Yellow Class Spring Learning Journey**

Please list here any ideas, skills or artefacts you could offer to help us with our topic:

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Name.....

Child's Name.....

Child's Class.....

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**Please detach slip and return with your voluntary donation of £1 for the RSPB charity by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

Childs name ..... Child's class.....