

# Earth Day Save the Bees

## Activity Teacher Guide

The following websites all have useful content to help children research the decline in bee population. (Please note Twinkl accepts no responsibility for the content of third-party websites).

- [www.friendsoftheearth.uk/bees](http://www.friendsoftheearth.uk/bees)
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/zsvf8mn>
- [www.edenproject.com/learn/for-everyone](http://www.edenproject.com/learn/for-everyone)

Children should identify the following as the main causes of the decline in the bee population:

- Pesticides used on plants are harmful to bees.
- Habitat being lost due to urban development and changes in farming methods.
- Climate change – changes in temperature mean bees emerge from winter at the wrong time and flowers may bloom too early in the season for them to feed on.
- Diseases
- Species from other countries destroying native species of bees.

Many plants would be suitable for a bee-friendly garden, including lavender, abelia, apple trees, honeysuckle, crocus, snowdrops, sage, rosemary and kale.