

# Playground Pollination

Bees carry pollen from flower to flower as they collect nectar. Turn your playground into a paradise of pollination with this class learning game.

Seven teachers or pupils to be Flowers each with a different coloured headband.

Rest of class are pollinators: bee, butterfly, moth

Flowers are dotted around the playground. Each has

- A cup of apple juice (nectar)
- A single colour of craft pompoms (pollen) and matching headband

Pollinators each have

- A drinking straw (proboscis - tongue)
- Band of sticky-side-out tape around their sleeve to collect pollen

Pollinators buzz from flower to flower

As they sip nectar, (juice) through their proboscis, (straw) the Flower attaches pollen (a pompom) to their sleeve and takes one from those already stuck there.

When pollinators have visited every flower at least once, explore what has happened to the flowers' collection of pollen.



Why not dress up in role to add to the fun?

Make paper head bands and decorate for different roles:

- Pipe cleaner antennae for bees
- Paper flower-shapes for Flowers

Or make wrist butterflies (see Art for All Seasons activity sheet)

Note: Bees don't eat pollen or nectar. They collect nectar to make honey, and spread the pollen to other flowers as they do so.