

	Friday 12 th June 2020 Home Learning – Year 2 - Week 2 – Friday
Reading 	Read the second part of the story – ‘How the bees got their sting’. Page 2 Answer the questions on page 3
Writing 	We have learnt lots about bees this week. Can you use this to write a poem about bees using your 5 senses? There are Ideas to help you are given on page 4. Remember be creative and have fun 😊
Maths 	Term 6 week 1 lesson 5 In this lesson, we will learn more about mililitres Please click the link below for today’s lesson and task: https://www.thenational.academy/year-2/maths/to-use-mililitres-year-2-wk6-5
Topic 	Music Listen to this music https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M93qXQWaBdE Now listen to this music https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6QV1RGMLUKE Talk to an adult – what is the same and what is different? Why does it sound different? Did you have any preference?
Fabulous Finish 	Don’t forget to do at least 20 minutes Reading for Pleasure! We recommend: https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/ Choose to read along but you can mute the sound. Number fluency: Check out the ‘To Do’s’ on Purple Mash Spellings: Homophones Time for a test! Adults please read the words within a sentence for your child to select the correct spelling usage. wait, weight, hole, whole, new, knew, seen, scene, side, sighed

All afternoon, the bees hummed as they worked, gathering nectar and making it into a fresh batch of honey. The very next morning, just as the queen bee was eating her breakfast, a fat, groping hand pushed its way into the hive and broke off a piece of honeycomb.

“Sting the hand!” Shouted the queen bee. And three worker bees dived at the hand and stung it as hard as they could.

“OUCH!” came a yell, and the owner of the hand wrenched back out of the hive.

“It worked!” exclaimed the queen, and a buss of excitement went around the hive. The next day, another hand reached in and tried to scoop out some honey. This time, ten bees zoomed over, their tails ready and quivering. “What are you waiting for? Sting the hand!” the Queen ordered. So all ten bees dived gleefully onto the hand and stung it for all they were worth.



After that, there was no stopping the bees. Giddy with their new power, they stung people for stealing their honey; they stung people for touching their hive; and before long, they even began to sting people for just *looking* at their hive. Zeus knew nothing of this until one day he asked one of his servant to go and collect some honey to spread on his bread. The servant turned pale at the mention of honey but he didn't dare disobey his master. “Right away,” he gulped, and hurried off to the hive. Half an hour later, the servant burst back into the palace. He was in a terrible state. He had red sting marks all over his arms and legs, and on his face too.

“What happened to you?” asked Zeus.

“I tried to get you some honey for your bread,” wailed the servant. “Honestly I did. But I didn't even get to the hive before all the bees swarmed out and stung me to bits.”



Zeus stormed straight to the queen bee's hive. As he approached, the bees buzzed out to greet him, but when they saw his thunderous expression, they hurried back inside.

“Come back here this instant!” bellowed Zeus. The bees peered out fearfully. Then the queen bee flew outside, looking more than a little sheepish.

“You ought to be ashamed of yourselves,” raged Zeus “for being so mean with your honey. You will now be given one sting and one only. When you use it, you will not only lose your ability to sting, but your life as well.” The bees took his

words to heart and, from that day to this, they have been more generous with their honey, and a *lot* more careful with their stings.

Reading questions

1. How did Zeus know the bees were being unkind?
2. What does the author mean: “He was in a terrible state...”?
3. Order the events below in which they happened:

The servant was sent to collect honey for Zeus.	
The Queen ordered the bees to sting a hand.	
Zeus changed their power so that bees could only sting once.	
The servant was in a terrible state.	
The bees hurried back inside when they saw Zeus.	

4. How were the bees feeling with their new power? Use information from the text.
5. Why was Zeus cross?
6. What do you think the moral is behind this story?

Poem ideas



What do bees look like?

Fat, fuzzy bodies with stripes of gold and black.



What do bees sound like?

Buzzing loudly as they swoop



What do bees/honey smell like?

Sweet nectar perfumes the air



What do bees feel like?

Delicate wings beat the air



What does honey taste like or what do bees like the taste of?

Endlessly probing for sticky nectar

Now you try – you can change the order however you like!

