

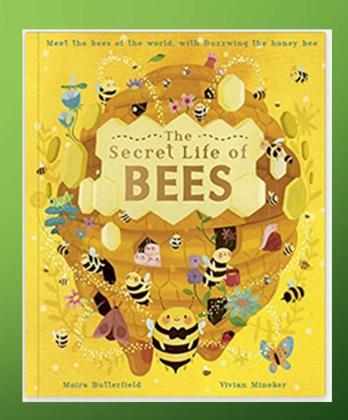
The day started with Sam coming to collect the honey bees. At 7.30am all of the bees were safely inside the box, protecting the queen bee.

Sam will now take the bees to a local beekeeper so we know that our bees will be well looked after. Wouldn't it be nice to know how our bees are doing in their new home? Perhaps the new bee keeper will send us an update?

A big THANK YOU to Sam for helping us out and for passing on all his knowledge.

Look out for the video of Sam and the bees.

Before he left, Sam recommended this book about bees for children....it looks very interesting.



We had lots of rain today and what a difference that made!

All the classes noticed a drop in the number of animals today because of the rain, but luckily for Tulips we got out pond-dipping before the rain started.

We were also lucky to have Craig Whitelock from Hampshire Wildlife Trust with us today. He showed us how to use the special magnifiers and how to use the identification sheets. He knew EVERTHING about pond life!





See if you can spot the Rat-Tailed Maggot in the next few pages. We found a few of these while we were pond-dipping.

You probably won't believe this, but these develop into Hoverflies!

Hoverflies look very similar to wasps, but they are much smaller and they don't sting....and of course, they can hover.

Have you ever seen a Hoverfly?













We had another night of success in our mammal runs!

We still need to do some research but we think that these were shrew prints (and last night's were from a mouse, maybe a wood mouse).





On Monday night's camera we saw a fox cub and onTuesday night we had an adult fox. You will probably have seen the entrances to the foxes dens (these are called "earths") in our grounds. We have one in the wood and one that leads under the fence from the field to the woods. Mrs Roylance has also spotted a young fox making a home under the mound at the back of the field (where the pergola used to be). You should be able to see this from the road.

If you would like to find out more about foxes try the Woodland Trust www.woodlandtrust.org.uk and the Mammal Society www.mammal.org.uk



Wednesday 11th May 2022 – Page 7 Finally, here are our figures for today. What a difference in numbers - can you work out why?

	Wednesday (affected by poor weather)									
Class	Daffodils	Snowdrops	Poppies	Daisies		Bluebells	Tulips	Sunflowers	SCL	
Location			Pond	Under logs	Bug hotel		Pond		Woods	Totals
ant				15	2				22	39
Bee									1	1
Beetle									3	3
beetle, ladybird									3	3
Bird									3	3
Butterfly										0
caterpillar									1	1
centipede				4					4	8
Fly									2	2
fly, caddis, larva			2				12			14
fly, dragonfly									1	1
fly, hoverfly									1	1
fly, midge, larva							3			3
maggot, rat-tailed			2				5			7
millipede				5					6	11
shrimp, fresh water			1				12			13
slug				39					8	47
snail									2	2
spider				3	2				4	9
tadpole			3				6			9
wasp									1	1
woodlouse				14					6	20
worm			1	1					12	14
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That's all for today.

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