

EYFS Rationale Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

## What is an insect?

Bees are one of the only creatures to exist in all types of climates around the world, from forests in Europe to deserts in Africa and even in the Arctic circle. However, worldwide the bee population is in serious decline with a 30% decrease in bee species in Europe alone in recent years.

We will be learning why bees are such an important part of our eco system and how we can look after and protect the pollinating insects that live in England. This is supported by a visit from Guildford Beekeeper's Association, who will share some top tips with us and show us some of their equipment to keep bees safe.

We will be learning to identify and classify different creatures to determine whether they are an insect. Our focus text will be "Polly Bee Makes Honey" by Deborah Chancellor.

In our RE lessons, we will be sharing the stories of The Ascension (Luke 24:50-53) and Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13). We will be learning how Jesus sent His special friend the Holy Spirit to help his apostles, and how we are all called to be disciples by spreading the good news and trying to live our lives like Jesus. We will be thinking about how the church began and making links and comparisons to our Parish family today.