

## Bee Facts

- Honeybees have a dance move called the 'waggle dance' to tell their nestmates where to go to find the best source of food. It took researchers at Sussex University two years to decode the waggle dance.
- Bumblebees use their 'smelly footprints' to distinguish between their own scent, the scent of a relative and the scent of a stranger. This helps them to find food and avoid flowers that have already been visited.
- There are estimated to be over 20,000 species of bee in the world, with many still to be classified.
- Bees can be solitary or social - meaning they either nest alone, or in large colonies with a Queen and workers. They all pollinate, though!

## How To Make a Bee Hotel

### What you'll need:

- A terracotta plant pot (9 – 15cm in size)
- Modelling clay
- Bamboo canes
- String

### What to do:

1. Tie the bundle of canes together with a piece of string.
2. Cut the bamboo canes to a length that fits the depth of your pot. You will need a grown up to carry out this part as it's tricky.
3. Place some modelling clay in the bottom of the pot and stick the bundle of canes into the clay.
4. Place the pot horizontally in your garden in a quiet place for the bees to move in.

