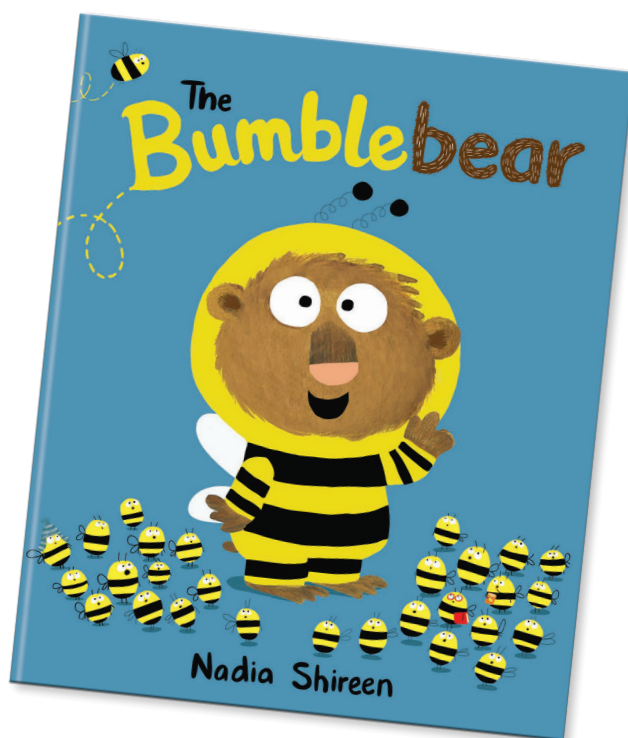


Make the most of *The Bumblebear* in your classroom!

***The Bumblebear* is a fantastic book that provides lots of opportunities for you to get your class excited and engaged in story time.**

Why not try out some of these top tips when sharing the book with your class to really bring the story and the characters to life:

- ★ Have some fun re-telling the story together and taking on the roles of the different characters! There are lots of opportunities throughout the book for your class to join in, so why not follow our step by step instructions on how to make your own bumblebee so they can fully get involved! This resource can be found here: bit.ly/2w0axRA
- ★ Are there any other objects or instruments around the classroom you can use to help you re-tell the story together?
- ★ *The Bumblebear* focuses on Norman being introduced to his new school day, which is something the children in your class will just be getting used to. Why not talk about the timetable of their school day and start to sequence this together as a class? Don't forget to use the downloadable templates we have put together so they can fill in their own timetables. This resource can be found here: bit.ly/2wAvyVc
- ★ Use the book as an opportunity to start talking about different animals and their habitats. Where do they think bears and bumblebees live and why? What do they eat? You could even work towards a whole class project and create your very own 'Bug Hotel' together to house some of the other bugs and insects that can be found around your school.
- ★ *The Bumblebear* is a great book that provides lots of opportunities to talk about differences and friendship. Build in some time to talk about these together as a class and celebrate how each and every one of your pupils is different in their own way.
- ★ Finally, don't forget to invite parents and carers in to enjoy story time with their child and share *The Bumblebear* together. It's a great way to model telling the story and encouraging them to do the same at home. Use the downloadable posters available to promote the book or host a story telling event in your classroom. These can be found here: bit.ly/2xoIGK2



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