

Bee Waggle Dance



BEE WAGGLE DANCE ACTIVITY

Animals communicate in different ways than humans do. Bees do a waggle dance to communicate with each other. They can tell each other where the best nectar and flowers are by dancing.

BEFORE WE BEGIN

Watch the YouTube video of a waggle dance so the students become familiar with the movements of a bee.

We will modify the complex movements of a bee for this game. Let them practise being a bee. They can walk while they wiggle.

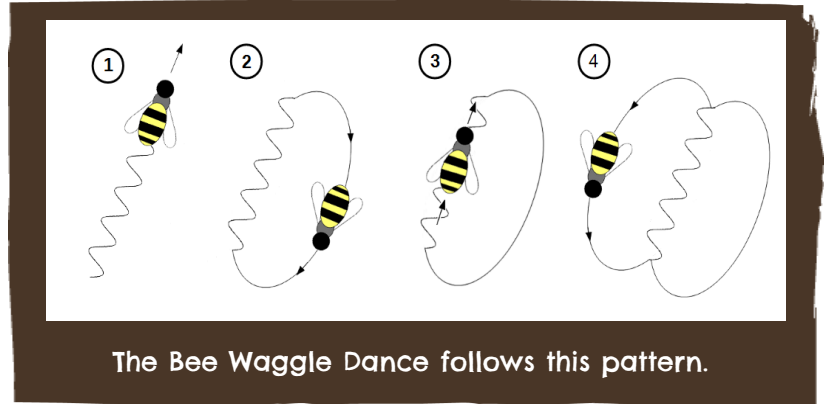
INSTRUCTIONS TO BE A BEE

- Have students waggle in the direction of the flower to show where the flower is located.
- To show the distance of the flower, have the students modify the number of waggles. One waggle = one big step.
- Have the students waggle more energetically if there is a lot of nectar in the flower.

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Assign one student to be the bee. The other students will close their eyes or leave the classroom.
2. Point to a “flower” in the room and let the “bee” student know if it has a little or a lot of nectar. This is the flower the student will try to get their classmates to find.
3. The student will waggle towards the flower (without going to it) and do as many loops/figure 8’s as the number of steps it takes to get to the flower. Once the student is done, let the class guess which flower it is.
4. Repeat with different flower and bees.

If the weather is nice, try this activity outside!



Use colour ribbon or a similar item to be the “flowers.” Place them around the classroom.