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A sustainability story about making little wins for our big planet and finding the things that connect us all.

When Omar brings in some honey cake that reminds him of his beekeeping grandpa, it gives the whole class an idea to make their town more bee friendly, using bee corridors. Omar and Maisie discover a shared family passion as their friendship blossoms alongside the flowers.

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Bees feed from flowers.
It's called foraging.



We can make 'bee corridors' by planting
flowers for bees and other insects to feed on.



They love the sugary liquid called nectar.



There would be no fruit or seeds
for us to eat without bees!



It all started when Omar brought a small slice of his mum's special honey cake for show and tell.



Omar was new in our class.



'My grandpa used to keep bees,' he said, quietly.
'He had apricot trees and jasmine bushes in his sunny garden, a long way away.'

It gave Mr Ellory-Jones a fun idea. (He always has lots of fun ideas.)




Then we stuck them up and down the corridor outside our classroom.
'It's a bee corridor now!' laughed Mr Ellory-Jones.

We made apricot blossom out of pink tissue -
all crunched up - and cut white
paper stars for jasmine flowers.

It was the first time I saw Omar smile.



We pretended to be like little bees, buzzing from flower to flower.
I smiled at Omar. 'My grandad keeps bees, too,' I whispered.



Mr Ellory-Jones told us all about how important bees are and that we should make our world more bee friendly by growing flowers for them to feed on.

‘But where are the bees?’ asked Kurt.

‘And the flowers?’ said Nish.

‘Sometimes it is only the queen bee that stays alive over winter,’ said Mr Ellory-Jones.

‘And some bees hibernate. But there will be bees again in the spring, when it’s warm enough for the flowers to come out.’