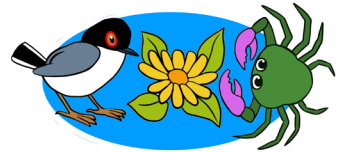




Children explore perceptions about wild flowers, understand how vital they are for wildlife, and evaluate how flower-friendly their school is.

Flower Detectives 1



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- 1 Invite the children to tell you what they know about weeds (*ħaxix ħażin*) and write their phrases on the board.
- 2 Challenge the perception of wild plants as weeds / *ħaxix ħażin* by displaying the *Life on a Flower* photos in the **Resource File**. Discuss how a common wild flower can be so useful to so many animals. Return to the children's phrases – has the perception changed?
- 3 The children use their tablets to access and watch the *Wild and Wonderful!! Jikbru Waħedhom!* presentation (**Resource File**). Discuss the term weeds / *ħaxix ħażin* with the information from the clip in mind. Invite children to invent alternative words, e.g. wild flowers / *ħaxix selvaġġ*.
- 4 Go into the school grounds and play the Bee Scouts Game, which imitates what bees do when they go and forage. Divide the class into groups of bee scouts. Send them in different directions on routes you have prepared beforehand. You are the hive. Scouts return to you at a given signal and report the number of flowers they saw. Now all your bees decide on the best route based on which had most flowers. If there are no flowers in the school grounds you can either (a) make cards with wild flowers using the *Wild Flowers* pictures in the **Resource File** and place them along the desired routes, or (b) go for a short walk through the streets around the school. For this you need at least one other adult so as to divide the class into bee scout groups.
- 5 Create a discussion about whether your school grounds offer enough wild flowers to keep bees going. Can you improve this? If you set aside a soil area for wild flowers, make sure to label it so visitors will know these are not neglected areas.

Use the Dinja Waħda Notice Board and tell the school about what you're doing.

Send photos of children

- ☐ exploring slideshow
- ☐ playign Bee Scout Game

