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Reading Magazine

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Use this magazine with the question paper “Reading Grade 3 — Practice Paper 3”. Each part of the question paper tells you which text to read and the page it is on. Read the text first, then answer its questions. You may look back at the magazine as often as you like.

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Grandma’s new phone

Grandma bought her first mobile phone on a Tuesday. By Wednesday, Zoe had eleven messages from her.

The first message was a photo of Grandma’s ear. The second was a photo of her thumb. The third just said HELLO ZOE IS THIS WORKING.

“Why is Grandma shouting?” asked Zoe’s little brother, Ben.

“She isn’t shouting,” laughed Zoe. “She just doesn’t know how to turn off the capital letters.”

On Saturday, Zoe rode her bike to Grandma’s flat. She showed Grandma how to hold the phone the right way round for a photo, how to make the letters small and how to send a smiling face.

Grandma practiced all afternoon. She took photos of her tea cup, her cat and the geraniums on the balcony.

That night Zoe’s phone buzzed. It was a photo of the sunset over the sea, sharp and bright. Under it, Grandma had written: Thank you, my clever girl. Now it is my turn to teach you something. Bring your knitting needles next Saturday!

Zoe smiled. She had never knitted anything in her life.

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How do bees make honey?

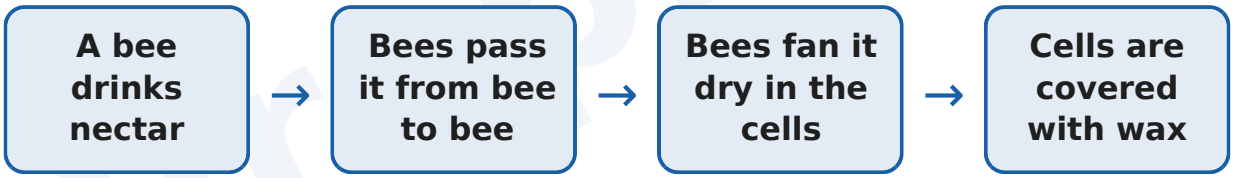
Honey is made by honeybees. It takes a lot of hard work, and a whole hive of bees working together.

A worker bee flies from flower to flower, drinking a sweet liquid called nectar. She stores the nectar in a special part of her body called a honey stomach.

Back at the hive, she passes the nectar to a younger bee. That bee chews it and passes it on again. Each time, the nectar gets a little thicker.

Next, the bees spread the nectar into the small six-sided rooms of the honeycomb, called cells. They fan it with their wings to dry out the water. Slowly, the runny nectar turns into thick, sticky honey.

Finally, the bees cover each full cell with a lid of wax. The honey keeps there for months, ready to feed the hive through winter.



How nectar becomes honey

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Every class needs a pet

A speech by Aiden, Year 3

Good morning, everyone. Today I am going to tell you why every class in our school should have a pet.

First, a pet teaches us to be responsible. If our class had a guinea pig, we would take turns to feed it, give it fresh water and clean its cage. Nobody would want it to go hungry.

Second, a pet makes a classroom calmer. When I stroke my dog at home, I feel relaxed. I think a class pet would help children who feel worried or upset.

Third, a pet helps us learn. We could measure how much our guinea pig grows, write stories about it and find out what it needs to stay healthy.

Some people say pets are noisy or messy. But a guinea pig is small and quiet, and if we clean its cage every Friday it will not be messy at all.

So please vote yes for class pets. Our classrooms will be happier, calmer and smarter places. Thank you.

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