



Busy Bee – Months of the year

Suggestions for use



Print, cut out and laminate as many sets of cards as required for various activities.

The cards are provided in 3 sizes:

- A4 for class work and recording
- A5 (2 per A4 sheet) for class and group work
- A6 (4 per A4 sheet) for individual, paired or group work

Suggestions:

- At the beginning of each month list upcoming events on the A4 sheet and display it prominently in the room.
- Use the large A4 sheet for recording observations of changes in the environment including, for example, changes in the weather, clothing worn, and activities engaged in, as well as changes in plants and wildlife.
- Invite each of twelve children in turn to come to the front of the class. Give each child a month card in sequence and ask them to make a line to display the names of the months in order. To show that the sequence of months repeats, ask the children to stand in a circle. Invite children to recite and repeat the names of the months, around and around the circle.
- To organise children in random pairs, give each child a card (you will need 2 sets) and have them find the other with the same month. If you have fewer than 24 children, simply remove unwanted pairs. If you have more than 24 children, add sufficient pairs from a third set. If you have an odd number, choose one child to distribute the cards and check to see if everyone has matched up correctly. Then allocate the child to a pair to make a group of three as you normally would.
- Print 2 sets, each on a different colour. Give each child one card. See how quickly the children can find others with the same colour card and arrange themselves in order.
- As a maths group activity – provide each child with their own set to order from January to December.
- As a maths group activity – when children know and can sequence the months from January to December, ask them to sequence all the months beginning with the current month.
- Children may use a calendar to find out the number of days in each month, and group the cards to show those with the same number.
- Children can use the laminated cards to write on and wipe off to practise spelling the names of the months.
- Match the months to the local seasons. Compare these with the seasons on the other side of the world.
- **Note:** These Busy Bee cards match the *readilearn* Busy Bee Birthday chart

January



February





March

April





May

June





July

August



September



October



November



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