

# Little Sprouts

A FREE STORY, SONG AND CRAFT SESSION FOR UNDER 5'S

10am on the first Wednesday of every month  
Auckland Botanic Gardens Library



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG AT THE AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS!

The weather is starting to get warmer, flowers are waking up from their beds and you might start to see more insects in the garden like bees and butterflies. If you're outdoors exploring, take a close look at the flowers you find... What do they smell like? How many different colours can you find? Brightly coloured flowers attract bees and butterflies that come to drink their nectar. Bees take the nectar back to their hive where they make honey.

## A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE SPRING-THEMED BOOKS

Available to borrow from your local library [www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz)

- A Little Book about Spring by Leo Lionni
- When Spring Comes by Kevin Henkes
- Lulu Loves Flowers by Anna McQuinn
- Look! Flowers! By Stephanie Calmenson
- Nature's tiny miracle: Bee by Patricia Hegarty
- Pollinator Bee by Sue Hall
- Caterpillar to Butterfly by Melissa Stewart
- How does a butterfly grow? By Dawn Sirett

## SING ALONG A SPRING SONG!

### Spring is Coming

*Tune of Frère Jacques*

Spring is coming....Spring is coming  
Flowers are too....Flowers are too  
Daffodills are blooming.... Daffodills are blooming  
Tuplipsis too....Tuplipsis too



### 5 Little Flowers

5 little flowers standing in the sun  
See their heads nodding, bowing one by one  
Down down down falls the gentle rain  
And the 5 flowers lift up their heads again  
1-2-3-4-5

### New Spring Shoots

*Tune of 'Wheels on the Bus'*

New Spring shoots are growing tall, growing tall....,  
New Spring shoots are growing tall all day long.  
Bees in the garden buzz around, buzz around...,  
Bees in the garden buzz around all day long.  
Birds catch worms to feed their chicks...,  
Birds catch worms to feed their chicks all day long.  
Springtime showers come and go, come and go...  
Springtime showers come and go all day long.

### Buzzing from the Hive

*Tune of 'Once I Caught a Fish Alive'*

1-2-3-4-5 Bees come buzzing from the hive  
6-7-8-9-10 Watch them buzzing round again  
Why so busy little bee?  
Because there's so much work you see  
Collecting nectar from the flowers  
Takes us hours and hours  
1-2-3-4-5 Bees come buzzing from the hive  
6-7-8-9-10 Buzz around then back again  
Please tell me busy bee....Why do you buzz so happily?  
Peep inside our hive and see....  
We're making honey for your tea



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