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GRADES K-2

Children learn how and why to attract
native pollinators to their outdoor space
by making seed bombs.

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Materials:

- Soil
- Seeds
- Natural clay
- Water
- “The Reason for a Flower” by Ruth Heller

Introduction:

Read “The Reason for a Flower” by Ruth Heller.

- “Why are pollinators important?”
 - Help plants grow, help plants produce seeds
- “How do pollinators help us?” “How do they help other animals?”
 - Food production (fruit), plants that provide shelter and food to animals
- “What can we do to help pollinators?
 - Plant flowers, provide shelter, not using pesticides
- If you want to make a seed bomb to plant flowers in your yard or garden, you can make one at the tables
- The backyard area will also be open to play and explore with native animals
- If you would like to go on a scavenger hunt in the backyard, you can use the cards to look for animal attractors

Seed Bombs:

- Each child takes a ball of clay and uses their thumb to make it into a bowl
- They add a pinch of dirt, a very very light sprinkle of water, and a pinch of seeds
- They pinch their clay shut and roll it into a ball
 - Make sure it's all closed up so the seeds make it home safely
- While they make seed balls you can ask...
 - What do you think you'll have to do to help these seeds grow?
 - Where are you going to sprinkle your seeds?
 - What types of animals do you think will visit your flowers?
 - Why is it important to plant flowers?

Clean-Up and Wrap-Up:

- Tidy up seed ball table.
- Ask children to share one thing they can do around their home to help animals