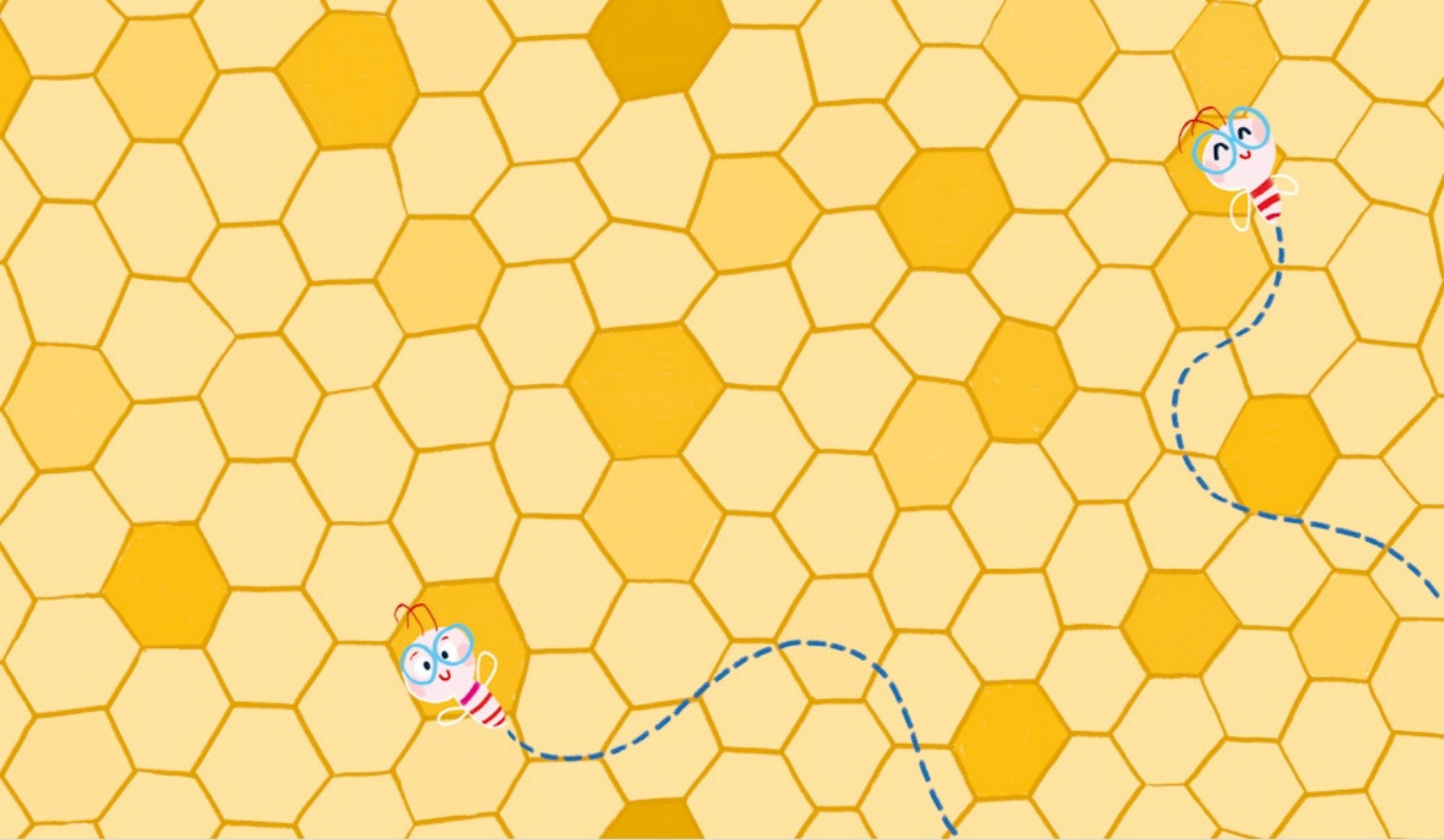


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The book cover features a central illustration of a young girl with voluminous, curly red hair. She is wearing large, bright blue-rimmed glasses and has a gentle smile. Her face is dotted with freckles. She is dressed in a pink and yellow striped long-sleeved shirt under green overalls. Surrounding her are several cartoon bees, each with a friendly face, wearing small blue-rimmed glasses. The background is a plain, light cream color. At the bottom corners, there are stylized flowers: a purple one on the left and a white one on the right, both with yellow centers and green foliage.

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To Mum, the busiest
bee of all - G.K.

For Sergio
- A.G.

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Bessie's head was full of bees,
absolutely **BUZZING** with them.

And that was just fine.

Bessie's bees were always
buzzing to get out.



So every day, they headed
straight into the garden.



While Bessie rolled in the
grass, the busy bees
explored the flowers.



While Bessie swung in
the tree, the busy bees
looped the loop!



While Bessie looked
for worms, the busy
bees looked for their
next adventure.

At bedtime, when Bessie couldn't settle,



they were all **FAST** asleep!



Bessie and her bees made the best team,
and everything was just fine. But then...

the busy bees hummed all her favourite tunes until...



...one morning, Granny took them somewhere new!



Bessie didn't know what she was supposed to **DO** at nursery.

So she tried watching everyone else.

She put her coat on a peg.



She sat quietly on the carpet.



And she said, "**GOOD MORNING!**" just like the other children.



Then Bessie noticed she couldn't see anyone else with bees.



She decided it was best to keep hers hidden inside.

But while Bessie played a game, the bored bees buzzed so loudly...

OH DEAR!



she slid Sunil's pieces down the snakes by mistake.

And while Bessie built with blocks, the bored bees whirred round and round and...



OH NO!



Taj and Tilly's towers tumbled down!

Miss Reid said a story would settle everyone down.

But Bessie's bees did **NOT** settle.

When the witches
cast their spells,
the bees **FIZZED!**



When the giants
banged their drums,
the bees **BOUNCED!**



And when the dragons
flapped their wings,
the bees **ZOOMED!**



Bessie tried **SO** hard to keep the bees inside.



Now Bessie's head wasn't
just **BUZZING** with bees...

...it was **BURSTING** with them!

They scattered bouncy balls...

The bees skittled dolls and dinos...

And they splattered paints **EVERYWHERE!**



After Miss Reid hurried the other children away, she stayed close by.



Still, Bessie felt very alone...


until Granny came.



Granny knew just how to help - she started to hum.



Slowly, Bessie joined in. And one by one, the bees flew back.



At home, Bessie sat in the garden and took a deep breath. "My bees don't belong at nursery," she sighed.

"How do I share my bees?"
Bessie asked.

"But **YOU** do," Granny replied. "And your bees are part of you... Maybe you could try sharing them instead?"

"Now **THAT** is up to you,"
Granny said.

The next morning, Bessie knew she didn't want to hide her bees any more.



She started by showing Miss Reid how clever her bees could be.

Next, she showed the other children how careful her bees could be.



And most importantly, Bessie told everyone that her bees needed to be kept **BUSY!**



Busy pouring paints...

Busy sliding down snakes when Sunil said it was Bessie's turn...

Busy balancing blocks at the tippy top of Taj and Tilly's towers.

But bees can't be kept busy inside **ALL** day!

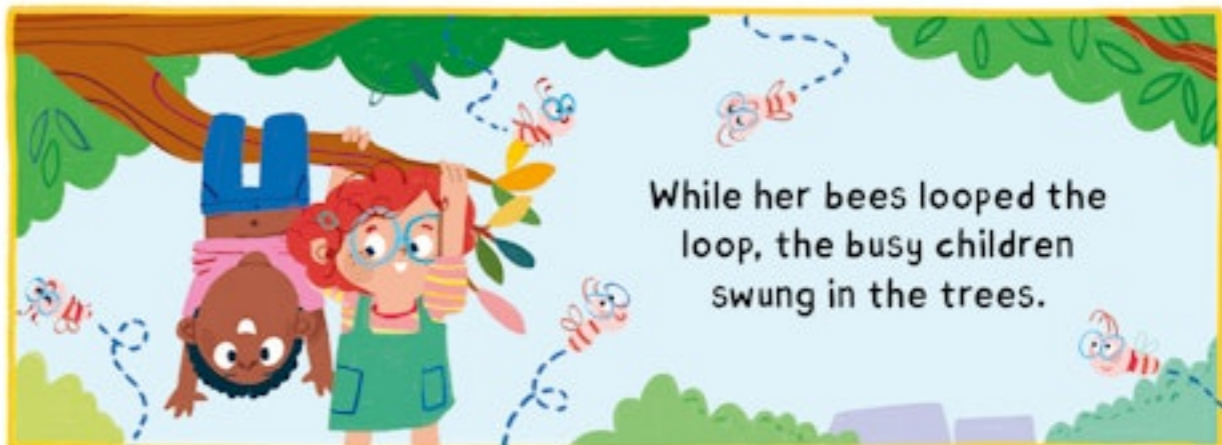


In the nursery garden, Bessie and her bees showed the other children all there was to do!

While her bees explored the flowers, the busy children rolled in the grass.



While her bees looped the loop, the busy children swung in the trees.



While her bees looked for new adventures, the busy children were having **FUN!**



And if her busy bees got a bit too **FIZZY...**



Then Bessie settled down and hummed!

So now, Bessie's nursery is full of bees,
absolutely **BUZZING** with them.



And everyone agrees, that is just fine.

