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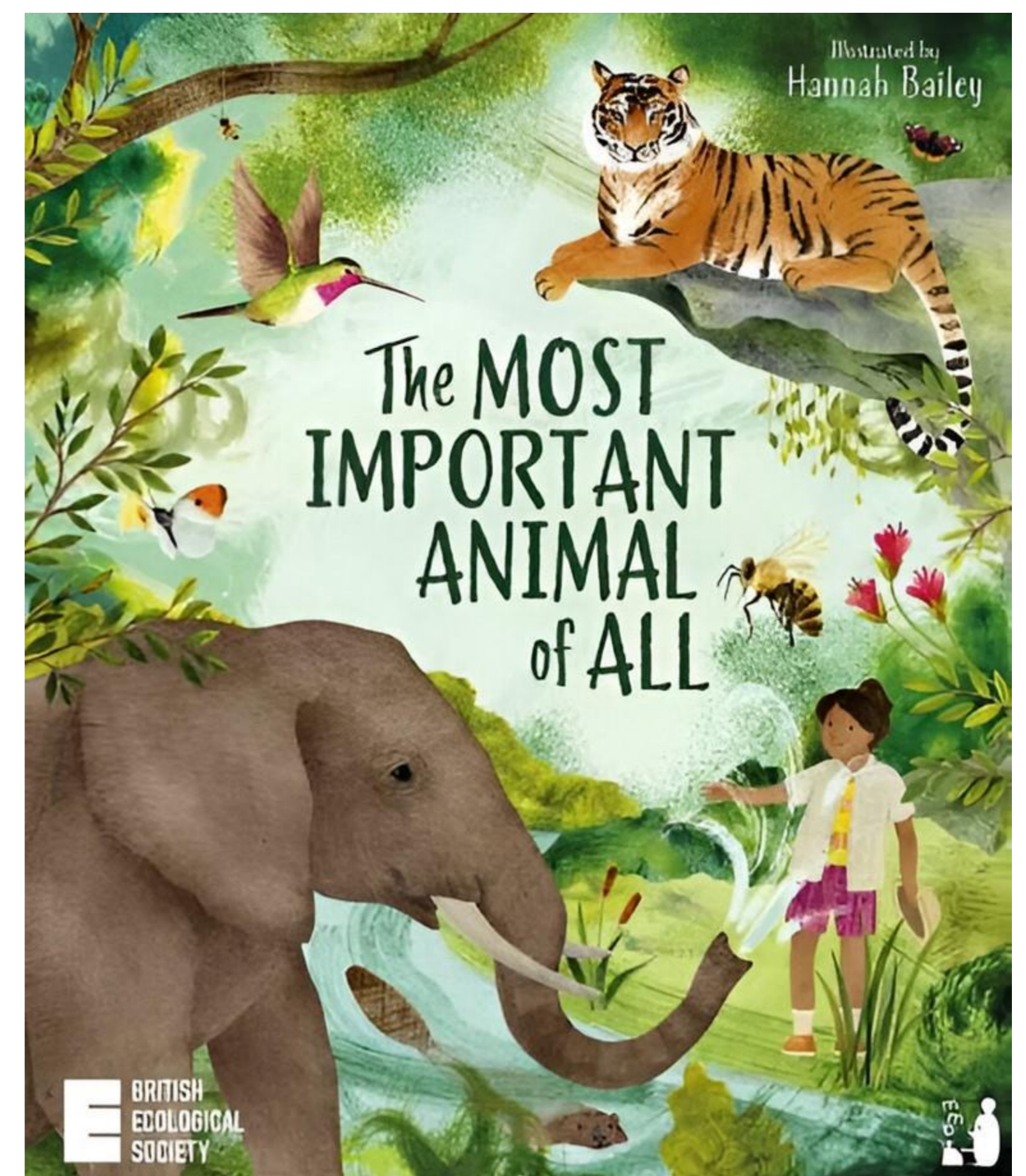
## Do British Dung Beetles affect plant growth?

A collaborative project about keystone species

Using the book, *The Most Important Animal of All* as a guide, nine primary schools each investigated a different keystone species.

With funding from The Royal Society, the children worked with STEM professionals, learnt about life cycles, planted a range of insect friendly plants, visited aquariums, and wildlife parks, and went on bug hunts

At the end of the project they took part in a Great Science Share for Schools debate to explain why their keystone species was so important to the environment.



**Conclusion:** Dung beetles improve the soil by removing waste and recycling the nutrients, helping plants to grow better. If we didn't have dung beetles we would all be walking around in poo!