



# Butterflies



This is a fun activity, you will need:

Kitchen roll/coffee filter

Felt tipped pens

Peg, either a dolly peg or a sprung wooden peg

Wool for antenna.

Water spray

Cut out 2 circles (small plate size) on kitchen paper or 2 coffee filters.

Using felt tipped pens, dab colour all over the paper circles.

Scrunch papers, top to bottom and squeeze into the middle.

Pinch the peg to hold the circles firmly.

Draw a butterfly face onto the peg.

Cut 2 pieces of wool for the antenna and glue to the back of the butterfly's head.

Spray the wings with water and watch the colours change!



## Did You Know?

Butterflies have been around for over 56 million years.

A butterfly's lifecycle is made up of four parts, egg, larva (caterpillars), pupa (chrysalis) and adult.

Butterflies attach their eggs to leaves with a special glue.

Butterflies often have 4 brightly coloured wings with unique patterns made up of tiny scales.

Most butterflies feed on nectar from flowers, they taste with their feet!

Hello, have you seen any butterflies this week?

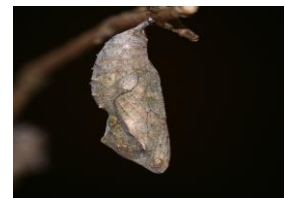
One of nature's beautiful creatures, is the butterfly. There are 71 different species of butterflies in the U.K.

Have you read 'The Hungry Caterpillar'? Let's find out some more.



## The Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Can you arrange these pictures into the right order?



Sing to the tune of: 'The Wheels on the Bus'

The hungry caterpillar goes munch, munch, munch  
Munch, munch, munch, munch, munch, munch.

The hungry caterpillar goes munch, munch, munch all day long.

The hungry caterpillar is fast asleep

Fast, asleep, fast asleep

The hungry caterpillar is fast asleep, all day long



The sleepy caterpillar goes wriggle, wriggle, wriggle

Wriggle, wriggle, wriggle, wriggle, wriggle, wriggle

The sleepy caterpillar goes wriggle, wriggle, wriggle, all day long

The caterpillar changes to a butterfly

A butterfly, a butterfly

The caterpillar changes to a butterfly, all day long



The pretty butterfly flaps, round and round

Round and round, round and round

The pretty butterfly, flaps round and round, all day long

Sing to the tune of:  
"I'm A Little Teapot"

I'm a butterfly  
and I have wings  
I fly around  
and see all things.  
When I see a flower  
that looks great  
I'll call out  
To all my mates.

Sing to the tune of: 'Frere  
Jacques'

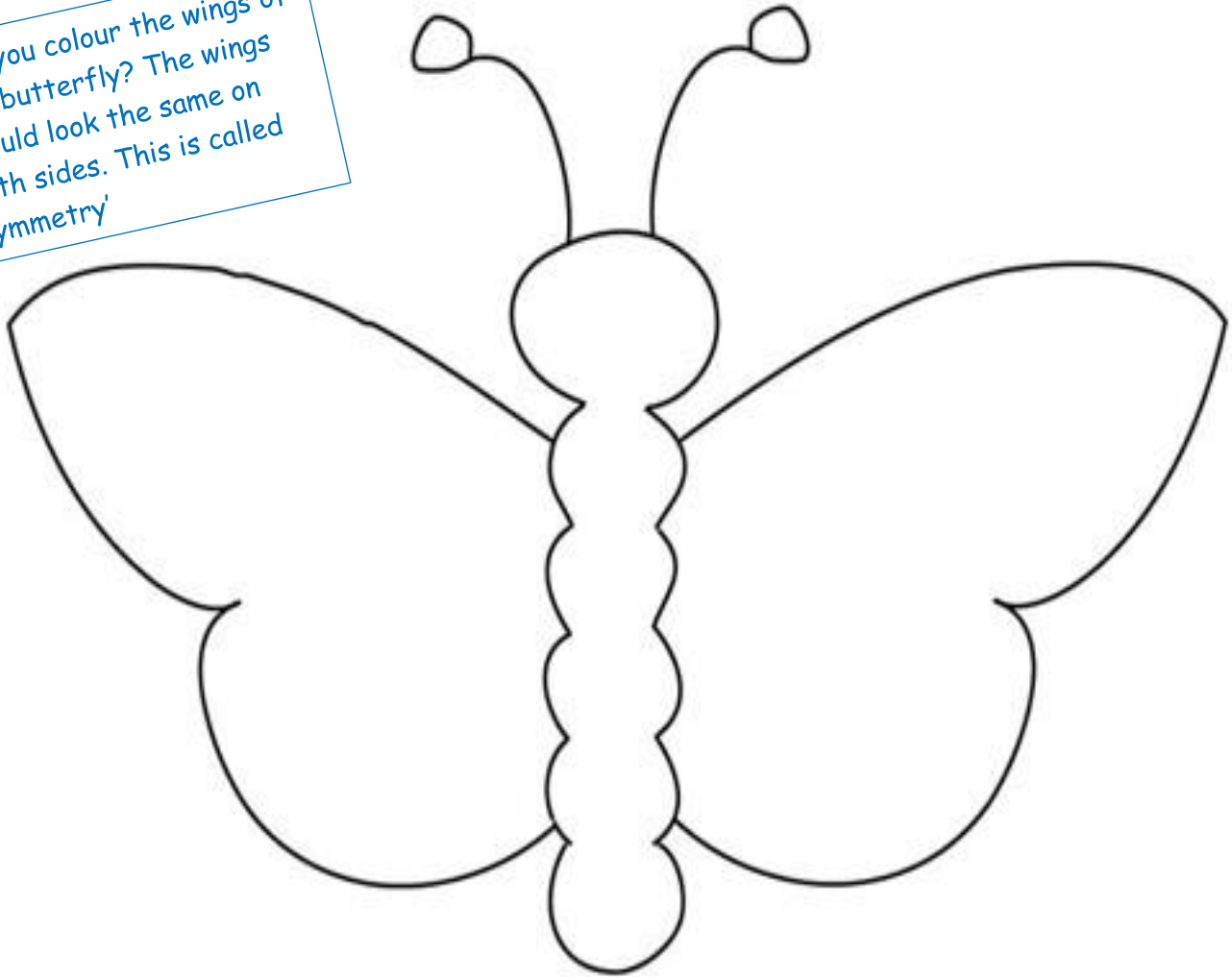
Caterpillar, caterpillar,  
In my hand, in my hand  
Soon you'll be a butterfly  
Soon you'll be a butterfly  
And fly away, fly away.

## Matching Pairs

Can you find a matching pair of butterflies?



Can you colour the wings of the butterfly? The wings should look the same on both sides. This is called 'symmetry'



## Jokes for You

"Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a caterpillar".

"Don't worry you'll soon change".

What do butterflies sleep on?

Caterpillows!

What happens if you eat caterpillars?

You get butterflies in your tummy!

Please join in, with our activities next time. When you are on your walk or in the garden, keep a lookout for those butterflies. We'd love to see any photographs of your creations.

Keep having fun with your families.

Best wishes from all at Arty Tots.

**Do you have any dried pasta tubes at home? Try making this very hungry caterpillar.**

Cut out a few red card circles.

Make a face on one of the circles, add two antennae.

Start threading with a length of wool.

Using this picture as a guide, create your caterpillar.

**(to dye the pasta, place pasta in a plastic zip bag, add food colouring and a teaspoon of white vinegar. Leave for a few hours, then remove the pasta from the bag and leave to dry)**

**Please supervise your child when wearing the necklace as there is a potential choking risk.**