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Activities at Home

Dear parents and carers,

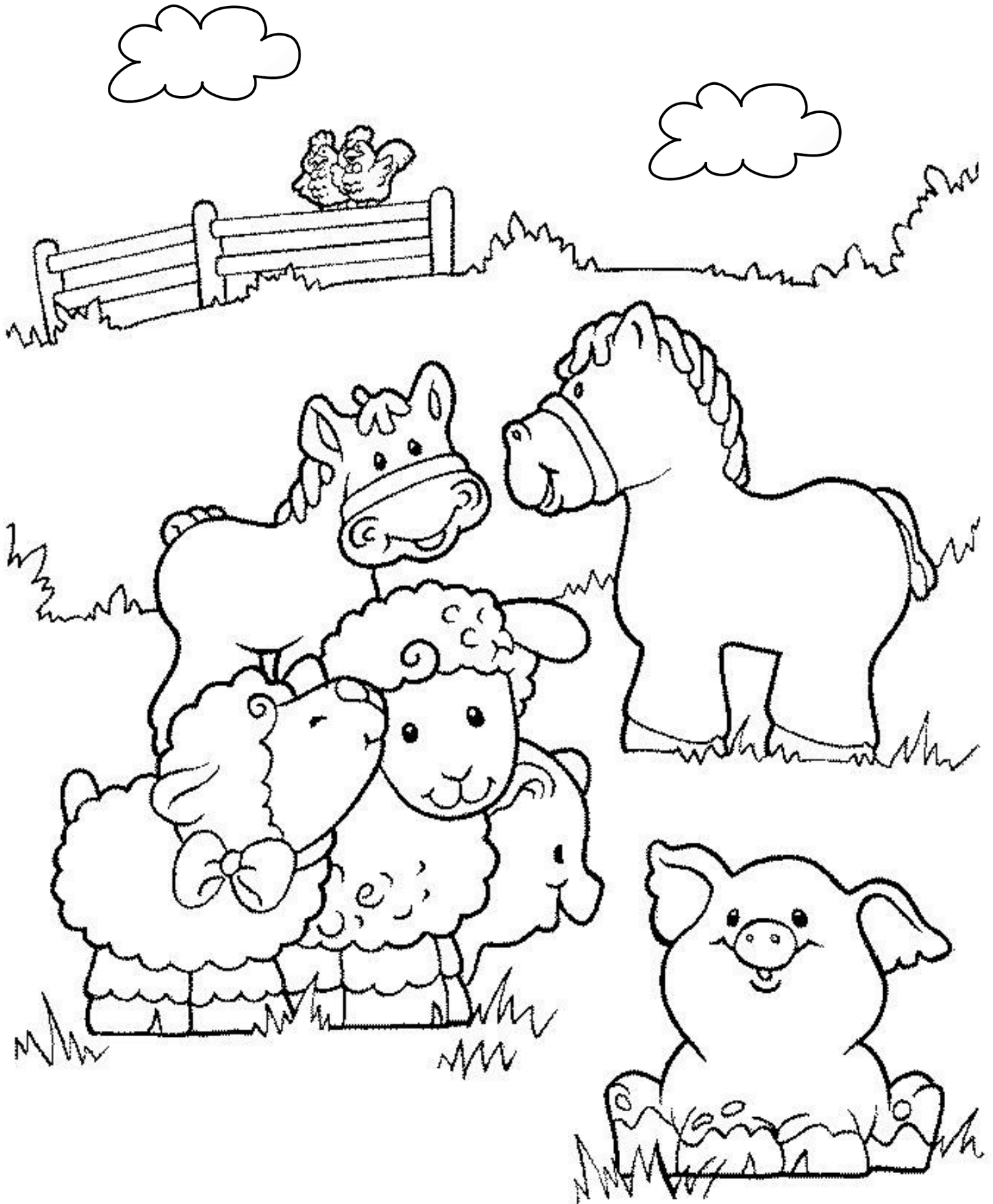
I hope that everyone is staying safe and healthy at home. We know that it's a difficult time, and that is why we are releasing our first downloadable Activity Book. Packed full of printable games, puzzles, and activities, we hope we can ease some of the pressure of educating and entertaining your little monkeys whilst they are home. There is a mix of activities for all ages, including outdoor ones too. My friends and I can't wait to see you all again. Until then, take care of yourselves and each other, and keep in touch! You can find a letter template to me on the very last page.

Love from,

Buster and the team x

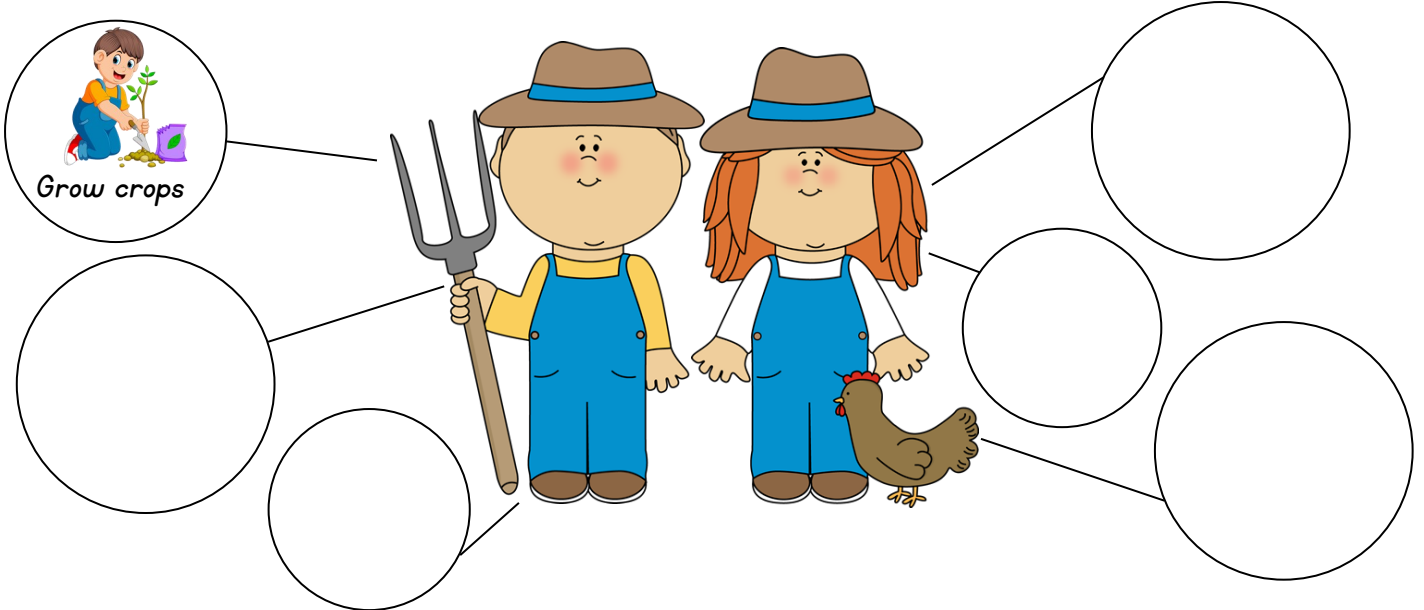


Colour Me In



FARMING

Can you think of some jobs that farmers do? Write or draw them in the circles!



Most of the food we eat comes from a farm! Can you fill in the blanks from this poem by using the picture bank below?

The Giving Farm Poem

by Vicki Witcher

Hens give -----.

Pigs give -----.

Cows give -----.

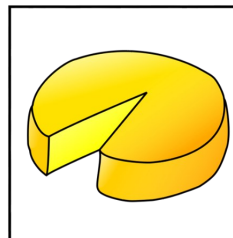
Strawberries give -----.

Bees give -----.

Goats give **cheese**.

Farms give food,

I'd like some, please!



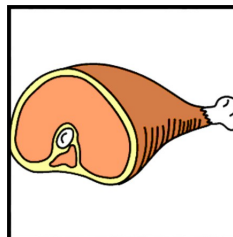
CHEESE



HONEY



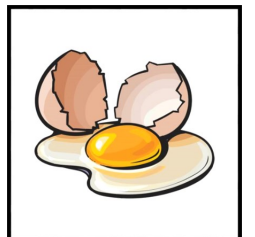
JAM



HAM



MILK



EGGS

Can you think of any other food that comes from a farm? What food can grow from the ground? What food grows on trees?

FARMING AT HOME

Learn how to grow your own crops, just like a real farmer!

What you will need:

- Fruit or vegetable scraps
- A small container
- Water
- Paper towel
- Soil (required for some plants)
- Patience

No seeds required! Use food you have at home.



Onions, Leeks and Garlic

When preparing any kind of onions, save about 1 inch of the base, where the roots are. Place this offcut root-down in a small container of water somewhere with lots of sunlight, and you will see new onions sprout quickly. You can harvest soon after, or move the plant to a large pot and cover with soil in the garden to grow even more.

Bell Peppers or Chilli Peppers

Cut your favourite type of pepper in half length ways. Leave the seeded part intact, but scrape some of the seeds into the pepper shell. Plant the shell in a small container and cover with soil, water, and leave somewhere with lots of sunlight. Sprouts should appear within 14 days, then you can choose to move your plant to a bigger pot. The longer you leave your peppers after they have grown, the sweeter they will be.



Potatoes

It is very easy to re-grow potatoes! Just take a potato that has lots of little indents (called 'eyes') or has already started to sprout from the eyes (just like in the picture) and cut it in half. Leave it to dry out overnight. Now, plant them in soil with the eyes facing up, and cover with water. Make sure to leave plenty of space between the potatoes if you are planting more than one.



Strawberries and Raspberries



Use a cocktail stick or push the berries through a sieve to collect the tiny seeds that grow on strawberries or raspberries. Dry out the seeds with paper towels, and then plant them in soil in a shallow container. Water, and then leave somewhere sunny. When they grow their first leaves (anywhere between 2-8 weeks), you will need to move them to a bigger pot outside.

Farm Park Guess Who

How to Play:

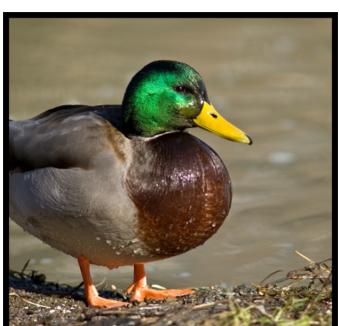
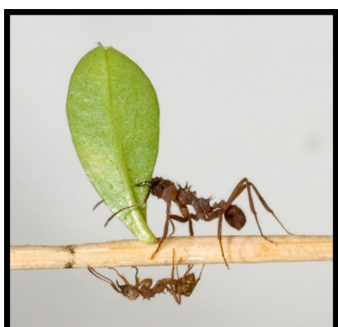
1. Print out 2 copies of the animal pictures on the next page. Give one to your opponent and keep one for yourself.
2. Cut out the squares and lay them out in front of you, but make sure to hide them from your opponent.
3. Each player should choose an animal, but keep it secret from your opponent!
4. Take it in turns to ask yes or no questions to try to figure out which animal your opponent has picked. Flip the animals that are eliminated over so you can't see them anymore. For example, if you ask your opponent if your animal lives on a farm, you would hide all animals that don't live on a farm.
5. Keep going until someone correctly guesses their opponent's animal!

Farm Park Memory Game



How to Play:

1. Print out 2 copies of the animal pictures on the next page.
2. Cut out all the squares and mix them all up.
3. Lay them out in front of you in 6 rows of 8, but flip them all over so that the picture is face-down.
4. Flipping just one picture at a time, try to find all of the matching pairs.
5. If you don't find a match after flipping two cards, flip the pictures back so that they are face down again, and try again.



HEADS OF AYR AT HOME

Let's make our own farm park in your house or garden!

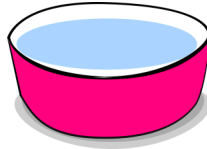
Here is what you will need...



Stuffed animals



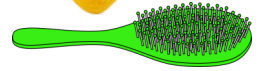
People to play with



Food bowls



Food to play with



Grooming tools

Make up enclosures for your stuffed animals. Think about where animals live! Is it a big, open field? Do they like sand or grass? Is it muddy? Do they like to climb? Use items around your house or garden to create a home they will love.

Don't forget to make signs to tell your visitors what animal it is that they can see!

Use paper and pens to make tickets for your farm park!

Your farm park will need an Keeper to feed the animals! Think about what your animals like to eat! Do they eat meat? Or plants? Or maybe fruit?

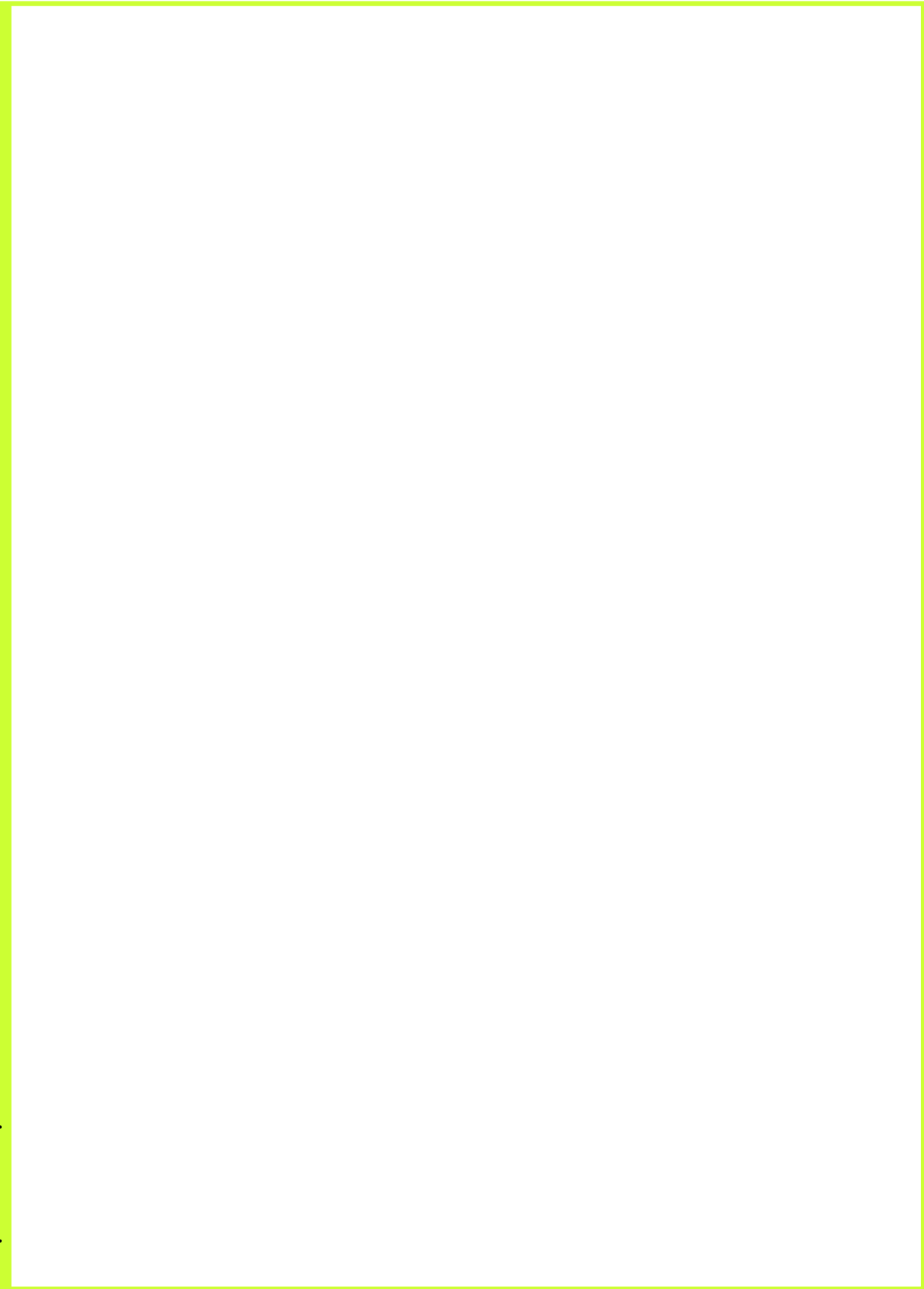
Keepers need to groom their animals! Use a sponge and a brush to clean them up.

Heads of Ayr Farm Park has lots of play areas and yummy food! Does your farm park have a café? Is there a gift shop? Draw a map of your farm park on the next page.

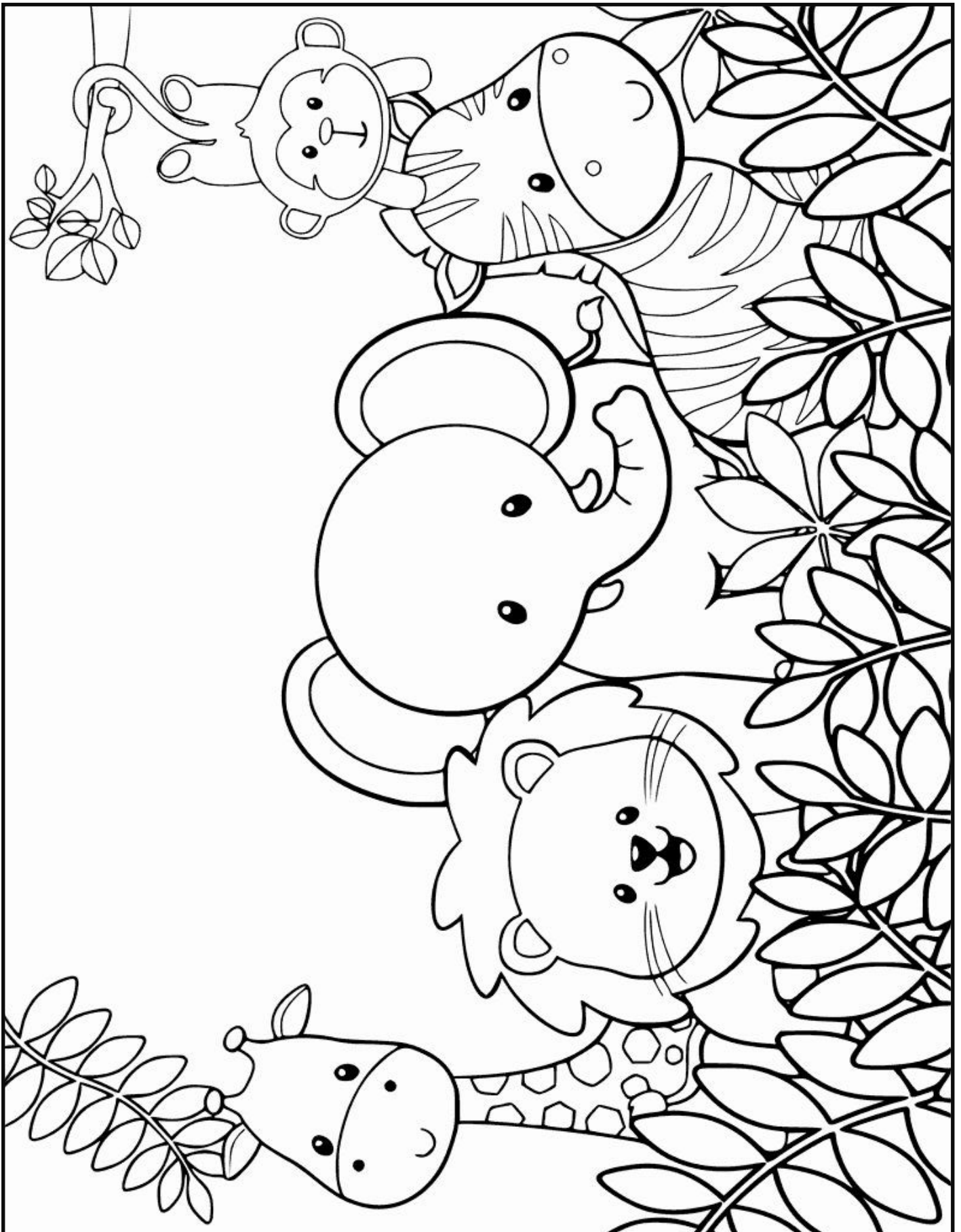


DESIGN A FARM PARK

My farm park is called -----



COLOUR ME IN



IDENTIFYING ANIMALS

Think about what animals feel like. Most animals can fit into one of four categories; Fur, Feathers, Scales, or Smooth. Can you think of any animals that belong in each category? Sort out the pictures below to start off, but can you think of any more to draw in each box?



Fur

Feathers

Scales

Smooth

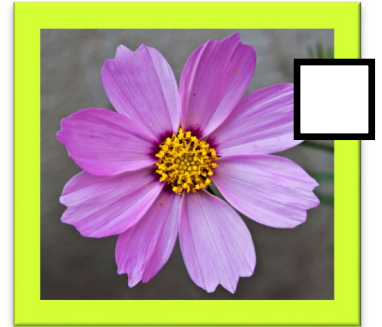
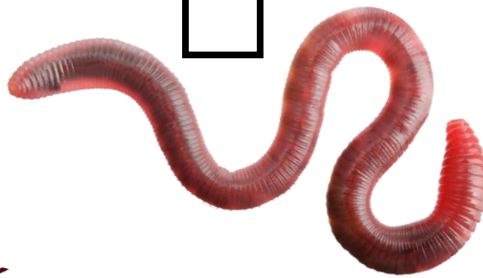
SCAVENGER HUNT

Go outside to your garden or street and try to spot the items listed below. Tick the boxes when you have found each item, or take a picture to remember all of the interesting things that you found! You can make this game a race with your family or friends and see who can find the most items first.



A snail.

An Earthworm.



A flower.

A leaf that is not green.



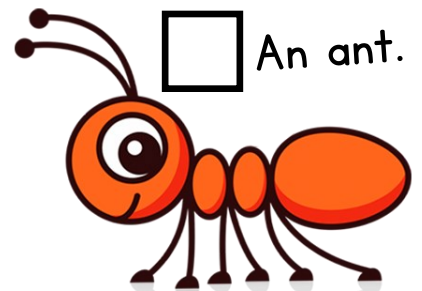
A smooth pebble.



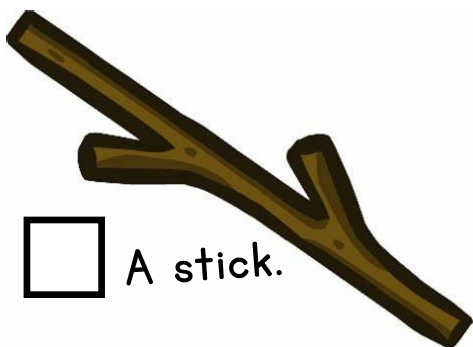
Something wet.



A bird's nest.



An ant.



A stick.



A spider's web.



Something with wings.



Animal Habitats

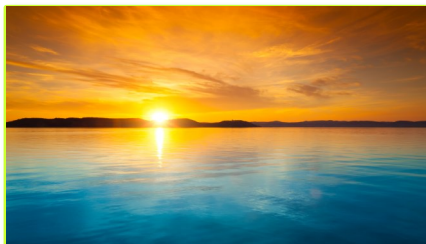
All animals need food, water, and shelter to survive.

They need to live somewhere where they are able to find food, water, and shelter easily. A place where animals live is called a **habitat**.

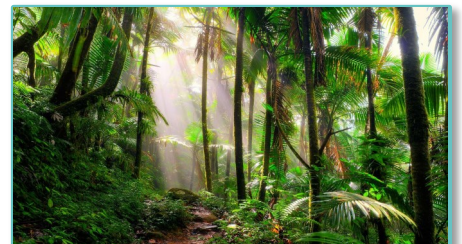
Here are some different types of habitats. Can you cut out the animal pictures on the next page and stick them in the correct habitat?



A desert habitat.



A marine habitat.



A rainforest habitat.

Indoor Activities

Cut us out and stick us in our habitat on the last page.



dolphin



scorpion



meerkat



parrot



lobster



monkey



camel



sloth

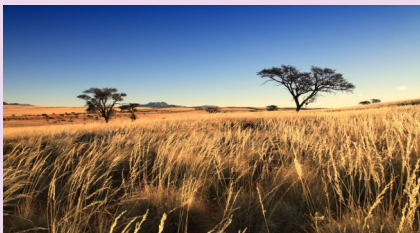


turtle

Here are a few more examples of different habitats.
Can you think of one more animal to add to each habitat?



A polar habitat.



A grassland habitat.



A wetland habitat.



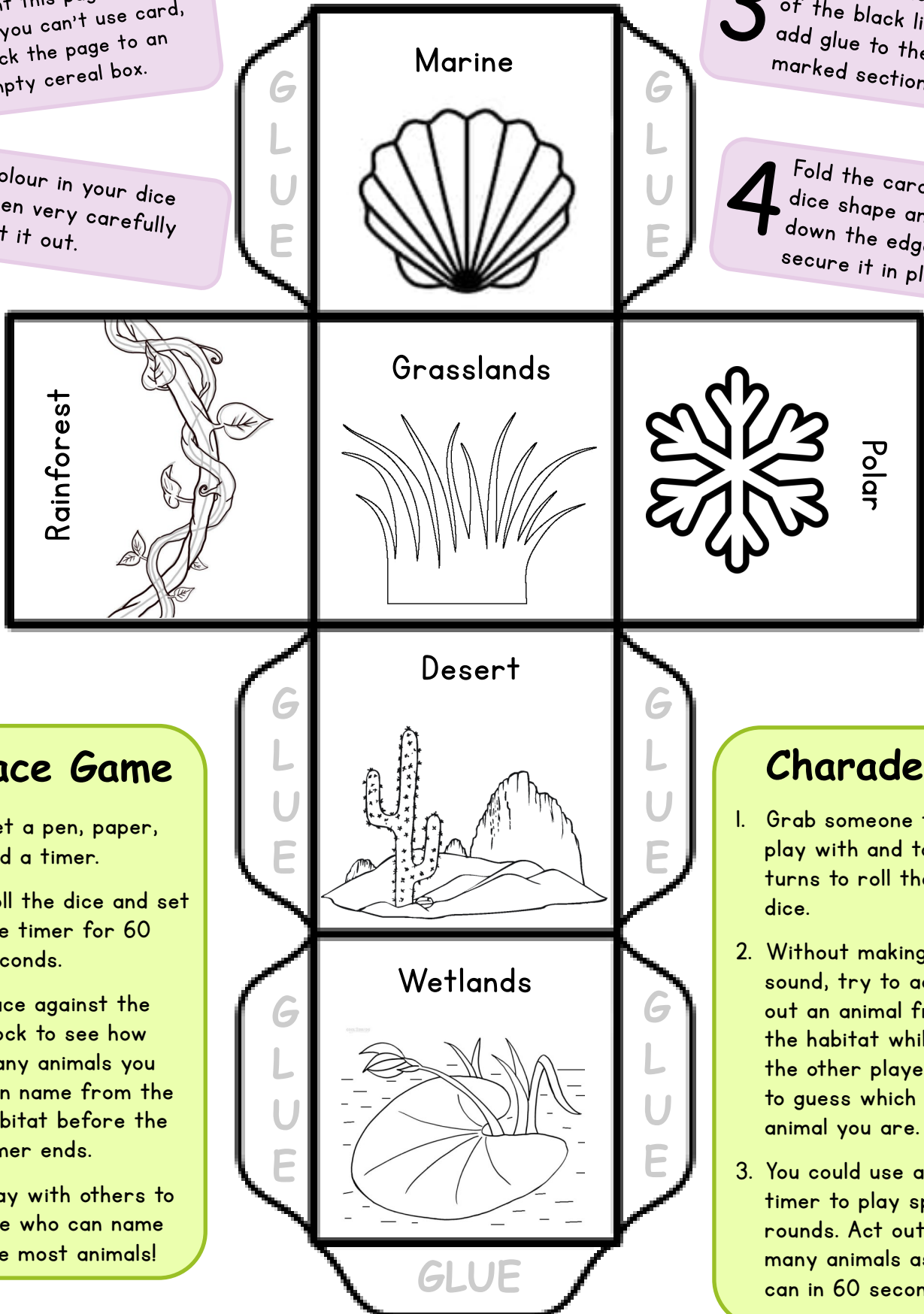
HABITAT GAME

1 Print this page on card. If you can't use card, stick the page to an empty cereal box.

2 Colour in your dice then very carefully cut it out.

3 Neatly fold down all of the black lines and add glue to the marked sections.

4 Fold the card into a dice shape and stick down the edges to secure it in place.



Race Game

1. Get a pen, paper, and a timer.
2. Roll the dice and set the timer for 60 seconds.
3. Race against the clock to see how many animals you can name from the habitat before the timer ends.
4. Play with others to see who can name the most animals!

Charades

1. Grab someone to play with and take turns to roll the dice.
2. Without making any sound, try to act out an animal from the habitat whilst the other player has to guess which animal you are.
3. You could use a timer to play speed rounds. Act out as many animals as you can in 60 seconds!

BUILD A BUG HOTEL

WHAT IS A BUG HOTEL?

A bug hotel is a shelter for insects in your garden to hide from predators, escape bad weather, and even find food.

What will I need?

There are lots of different things you can use to make a bug hotel. Bugs prefer natural resources like sticks and stones, but it's okay to use a few items from your recycling bin too! Here are some suggested materials:



How to build a bug hotel...

There is no right way to build a bug hotel! Bugs are happy with lots of places to hide and shelter, and especially love tunnels and burying themselves.

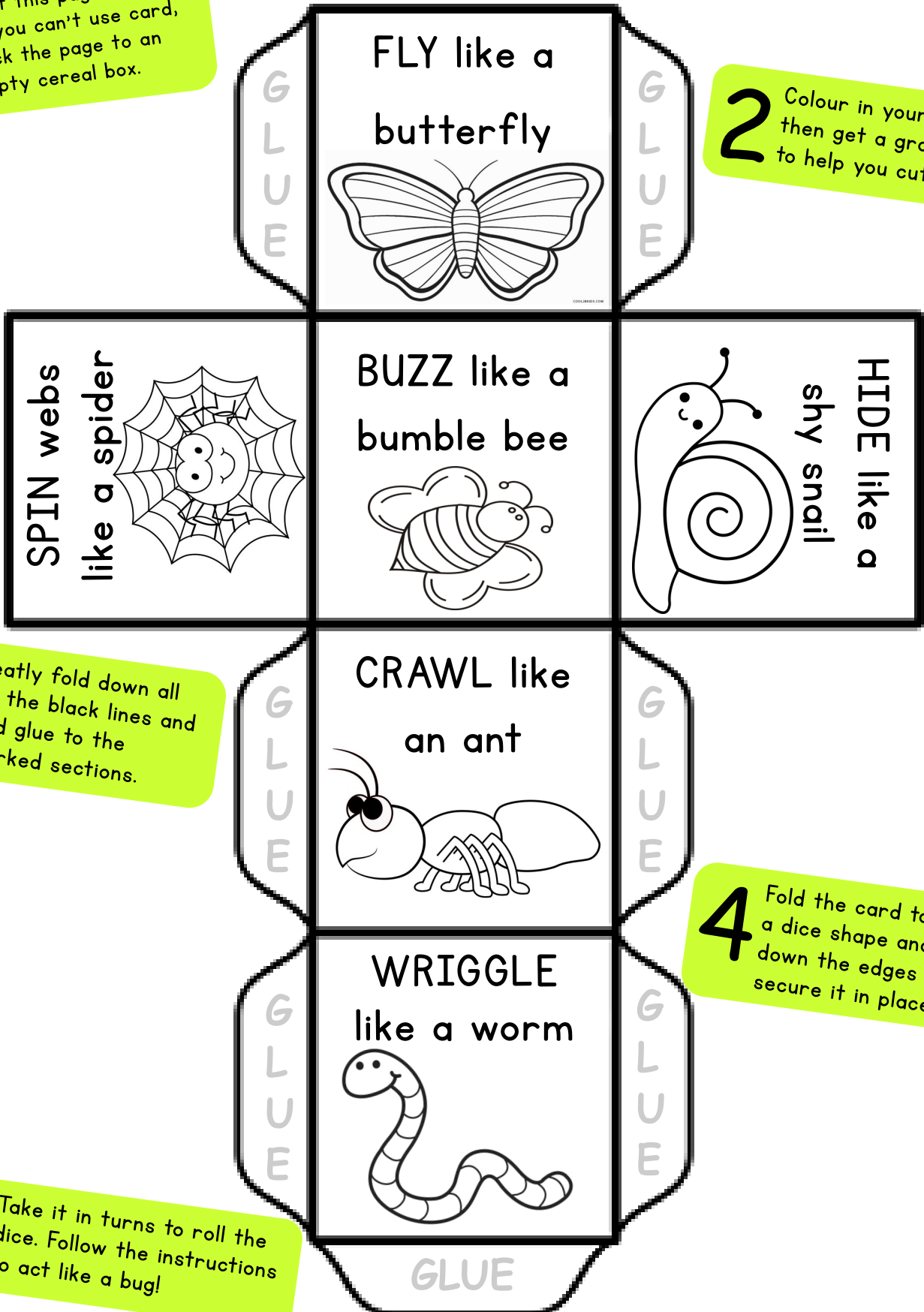
1. If you don't have a base for your hotel, such as an old basket or plant pot, then you will need to make one. We suggest some wood, old bricks, or even ice lolly sticks stuck together to make a foundation. (See pictures below for inspiration!)
2. Once you have your base, it's all about making a tower of fun surfaces for your bugs to hide and play in. Toilet paper tubes, old plastic straws that can't be recycled, and pinecones are all great ideas for this! Make sure there are lots of holes for bugs to enter and exit.
3. Fill up all the empty spaces with rocks, sticks, leaves, hay... anything you can think of!
4. You can use items from your recycle bin to make tunnels, walls, and roofs to your hotel. Get a grown up to help you use scissors if you need to.
5. When your hotel has finished, check the next page for your hotel's guestbook! Visit your hotel every day and use the guestbook to keep note of who is visiting.



BUG BEHAVIOUR

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2 Colour in your dice then get a grown up to help you cut it out.

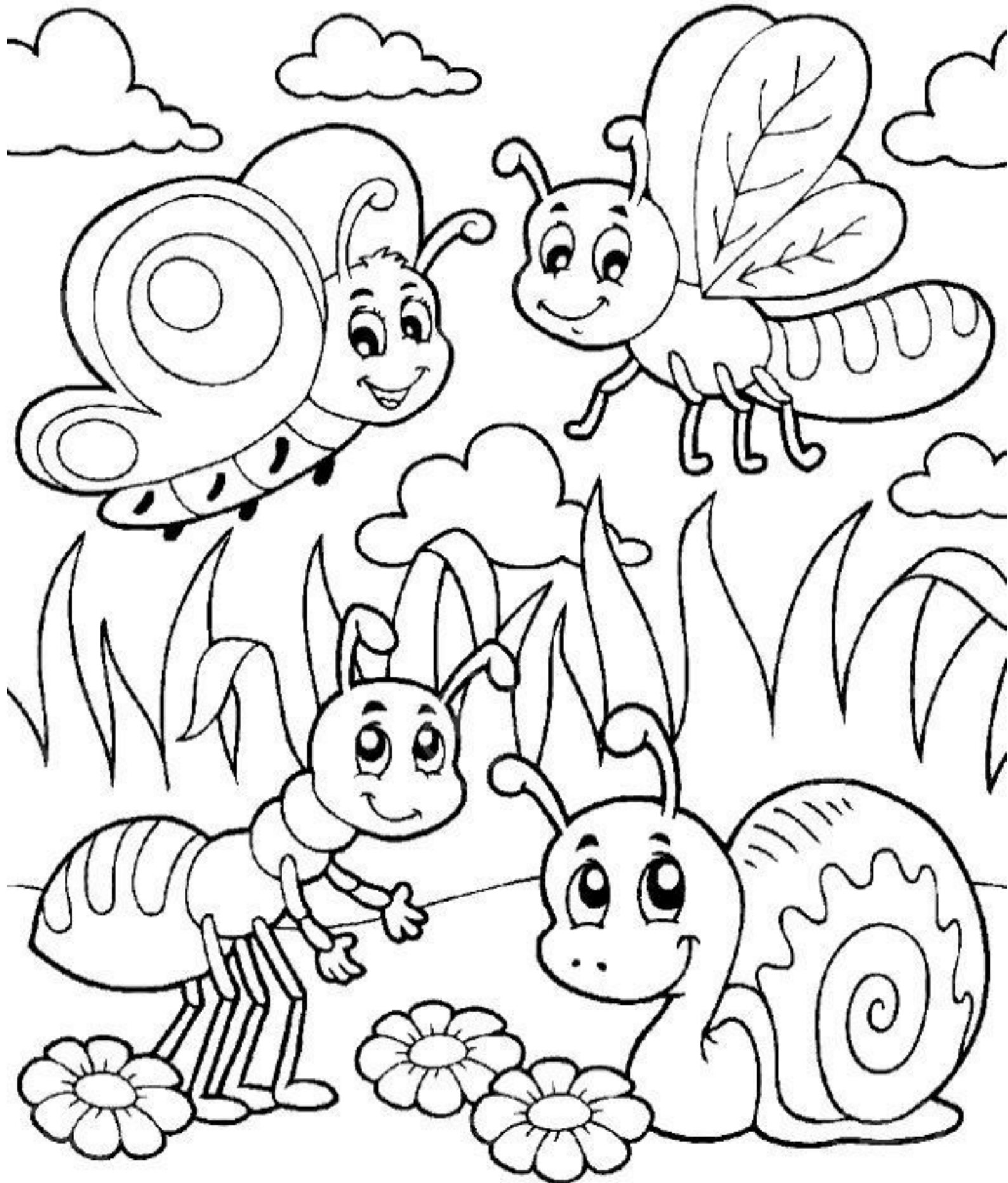


3 Neatly fold down all of the black lines and add glue to the marked sections.

4 Fold the card to make a dice shape and stick down the edges to secure it in place.

5 Take it in turns to roll the dice. Follow the instructions to act like a bug!

COLOUR ME IN



ANIMAL FACT FILE

Choose your favourite animal and use books, the internet, or documentaries to find out more about it. Use the fact file below to document what you have learned.

Here is a picture of me:

I am a

I am big

medium

small.

How many legs do I have? -----

I have fur

feathers

scales

smooth skin.

What colour(s) am I?

I live -----

Here is a picture of my house:

I like to eat

I am very good at

An interesting fact about me is:

HEADS OF AYR WORDSEARCH

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RALPH

BUMPER BOATS

PIRATES

ICE CREAM

QUAD BIKES

ANTS

COWBOYS

FUN

BUSTER

LEMUR

DUCK

ANIMALS

DIGGERLAND

TRACTOR

HORSE

MONKEY

ROOSTERS

GOAT

SCOTLAND

STAN

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SNAKE

TRAIN

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TARANTULA

MEERCAT

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LETTER TO BUSTER

It's nice to keep in touch with friends and family when we aren't able to see them. Buster is missing all of his friends visiting him at the farm park, and would love to get some letters to see what you have been up to.

Buster has asked you some questions below, and you can find a letter template on the next page! Buster would love to receive some special post, and might even write you a letter back!

Have you visited me before?

How old are you?

What was your favourite activity in this book?

What is your favourite animal?

What have you learned at home?

What do you like most about being at home?

Can you draw me a picture?

Who are you at home with?



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Dunure Road, Ayr
KA7 4LD

Or, email me!

info@headsofayrfarmpark.co.uk

Your address goes here -->



Today's date goes here -->



Dear Buster,

From

