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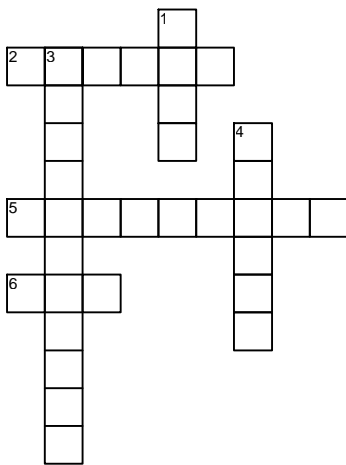
IN MY GARDEN - BUTTERFLIES



Butterflies are beautiful creatures that fill our hearts with joy when we see them. They are insects and have six legs and two pairs of wings. In Ireland we have 35 different types (species) of butterfly. If there are butterflies around it is a sign of a healthy environment as they are extremely delicate.

Butterfly wings are usually brightly coloured on top and dull and camouflaged underneath. Their wings have tiny coloured scales on them. As the butterfly ages it loses scales and its colour.

The adult butterflies taste with their feet and feed with a long straw-like tube (proboscis) that they use to drink nectar from flowers.



Butterfly Facts Crossword

Clues:

Across

- 2. These cover butterfly wings.
- 5. Butterflies drink with this.
- 6. How many legs does a butterfly have?

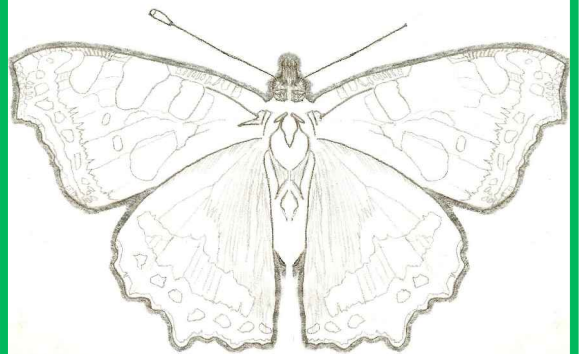
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- 1. What does a butterfly taste with?
- 3. A Young butterfly.
- 4. Food for an adult butterfly.

Hint: All the answers are on this page

Small Tortoiseshell butterfly puzzle

Draw in the 7 missing parts on the Right hand side



Hint: It is easier to find the missing parts if you colour the picture in.

TO DO:

- Try and find a young butterfly, which of course is a caterpillar, in your garden. Look under leaves on bushes or on nettles. Take notes of or draw pictures of any interesting creatures you find.

- Go outside into the sunshine and pretend to be a butterfly. You start as an egg then hatch into a caterpillar. Then you form a chrysalis and lastly the adult butterfly emerges. Make sure to get Mam or Dad to pretend too!

Draw your caterpillar or other creatures here. Take some notes to describe it too.

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