



## **Activities at Home**

### **‘Celebrations’**

**Dear Parents,**

**The activity for the week 12 commencing 22/11/21 is: “Autumn Spectacular- the Monarch Butterfly migration”**

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**The activity we will be covering involves:**

- Reading and talking about a story “Hurry, and the Monarch” by Antoine O’Flatharta
- Talking about the life cycle of a butterfly and we will focus on the fourth generation of the monarch butterflies as their longer lifespan allows it to migrate
- Participating in an art activity – making a butterfly

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**Our activity includes:**

- At first we will read a story “Hurry, and the Monarch” by Antoine O’Flatharta
- Then the children will look at a power point presentation about one of the world’s most amazing natural events which occurs every year in central Mexico. As summer ends in North America, 35 million monarch butterflies travel over 4500 kilometres to their winter home in Mexico. The children will learn that monarch butterflies perform the longest migration of any insect and that they return to the same tree each winter.
- We will talk about a monarch’s colourful pattern that makes them easy to identify. The distinctive colours warn predator that they are poisonous. The poison comes from their diet of milkweed.
- The children will be invited to take part in an art activity and will have opportunity to make a butterfly using symmetrical painting technique.

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**You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations. Our suggested activities are:**

- Look at various animals with your child and discuss how they are getting ready for winter- you can look at migrating birds or hibernating animals
- Sort with your child his/ her winter and summer clothes. Talk which clothes will be needed during colder seasons and why.
- Plant a butterfly garden
- Visit a library and look for factual books about butterflies