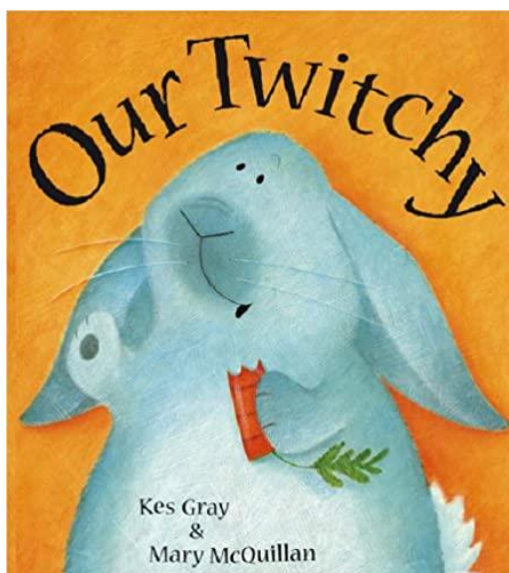


No Outsiders home learning

Our Twitchy by Kes Gray and Mary McQuillan



(2003, Red Fox Books)

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Blurb:

Twitchy and his parents live in a burrow and eat carrots, just like any rabbit family. But one day, his mum and dad have something very important to tell him....

Kes Gray reads "Our Twitchy" here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MAxleu-yFM&t=4s>

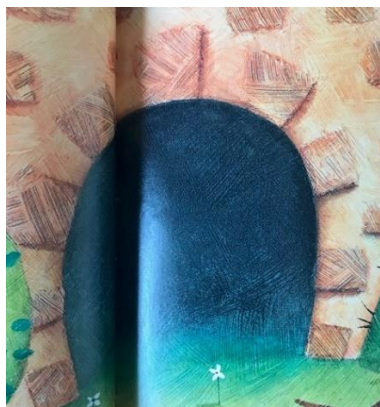
No Outsiders links: different families, adoption, belonging, being yourself, proud to be who you are

There are 6 worksheets here, worksheet 1 – 4 and 6 are for all children and worksheet 5 is aimed at older children.

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Twitchy and his mum and dad live in a burrow made out of an old train tunnel. In the book we see the outside of the tunnel:



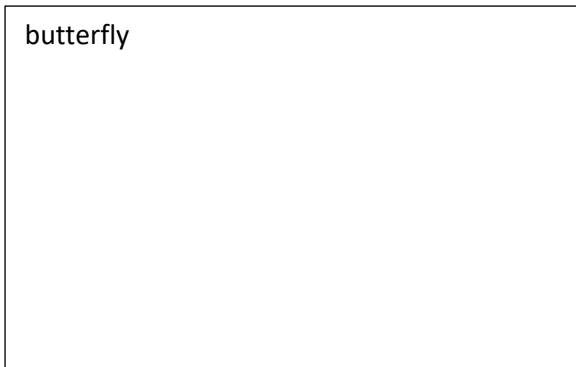
But we never see the inside of the tunnel/ burrow. What do you think Twitchy's burrow looks like? Are there different rooms? Pictures on the wall? A fire place to keep warm? Straw or a carpet? A table? Design a comfortable burrow for Twitchy and mum and dad.

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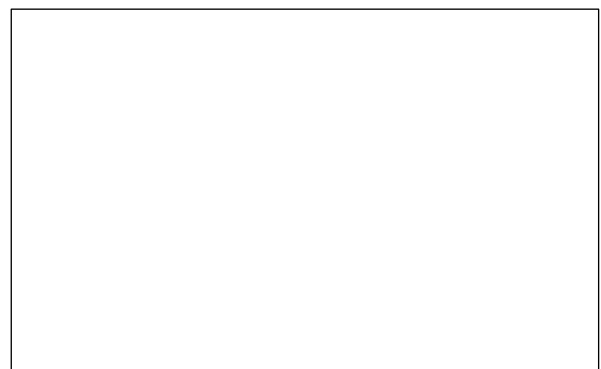
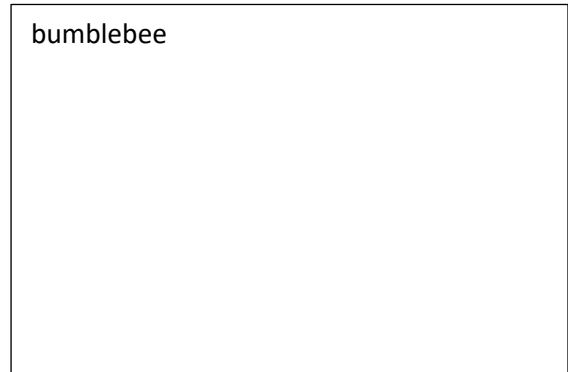
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The first page shows Twitch watching a butterfly. In the picture there is also a bumble bee and a mouse; Twitchy has lot of different friends in the forest. Think of four different animal friends for Twitchy and draw them in the boxes below. Draw a butterfly and bumble bee in the first two boxes.

butterfly



bumblebee



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Twitchy asks mum and dad why they don't hop like him. There are lots of ways rabbits are different to cows and horses. Can you think of differences between rabbits, cows and horses and complete the chart below.

	Rabbits	Cows	Horses
How do they move?			
What do they eat?			
Where do they live?			
What do they look like?			
What do they like to do?			

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There are lots of real-life stories of animals adopting other animals and looking after them. The following pictures were taken from this website <https://brightside.me/wonder-animals/18-kind-animals-that-adopted-other-species-572260/> where you can find out more about the animals and other stories.

Look at the photos below, what do you see? Read the labels in the box on the next page and write the names of the animals below their photo.



These are the names of the animals in the photos on the last page; match the names / animals to their photo and write the names under each one.

Dodo the chimpanzee and Aorn the tiger

Tita the cat and a squirrel

Bonedigger the lion and Milo the dachshund

Owen the hippo and Mzee the turtle

Albert the sheep and Themba the elephant

Ruby the dog and a sheep

How are these pictures and stories related to the story of Twitchy, Milfoil and Sedge?

What do these animal stories and pictures show us about different families?

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Listen to the story and answer the following questions:

1. Why is Twitchy in a family with Milfoil and Sedge?

2. Why do you think Milfoil and Sedge never told Twitchy about this?

3. Why didn't Twitchy notice mum and dad were so different?

4. When he looks at the reflection in the river he says, "I see the two best bunnies in the world." But Milfoil and Sedge are not bunnies; why does Twitchy say this?

5. Why does Twitchy run away and try to change the way he looks?

6. Do you think Milfoil and Sedge want Twitchy to change? Explain your answer.

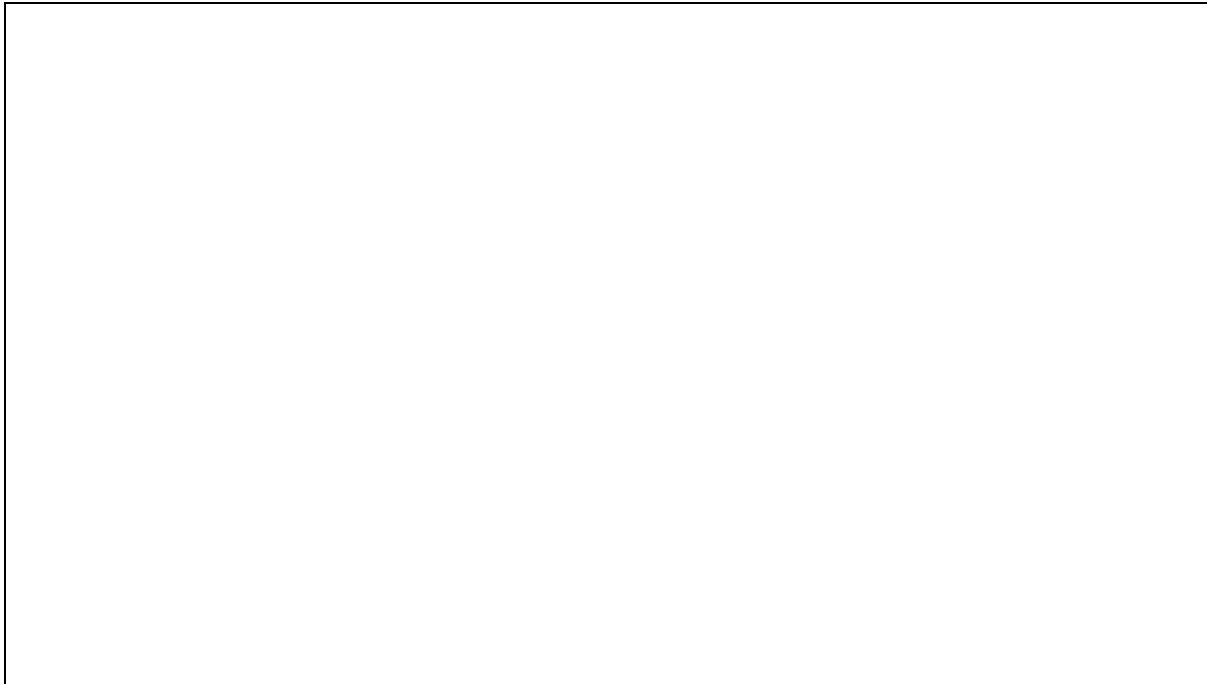
7. At the end they feel more like a family than ever before. Why?

8. Who felt like an outsider in this story, and what happened to make them feel different at the end?

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Twitchy needs a picture on the wall of his burrow showing his family in all their difference, proud to be together. Draw a family picture for Twitchy to remind him that his family is fantastic.



Now draw a picture of your family. Are you all different too? What ways are you different? Show in your picture things that make you different. All families are different.

