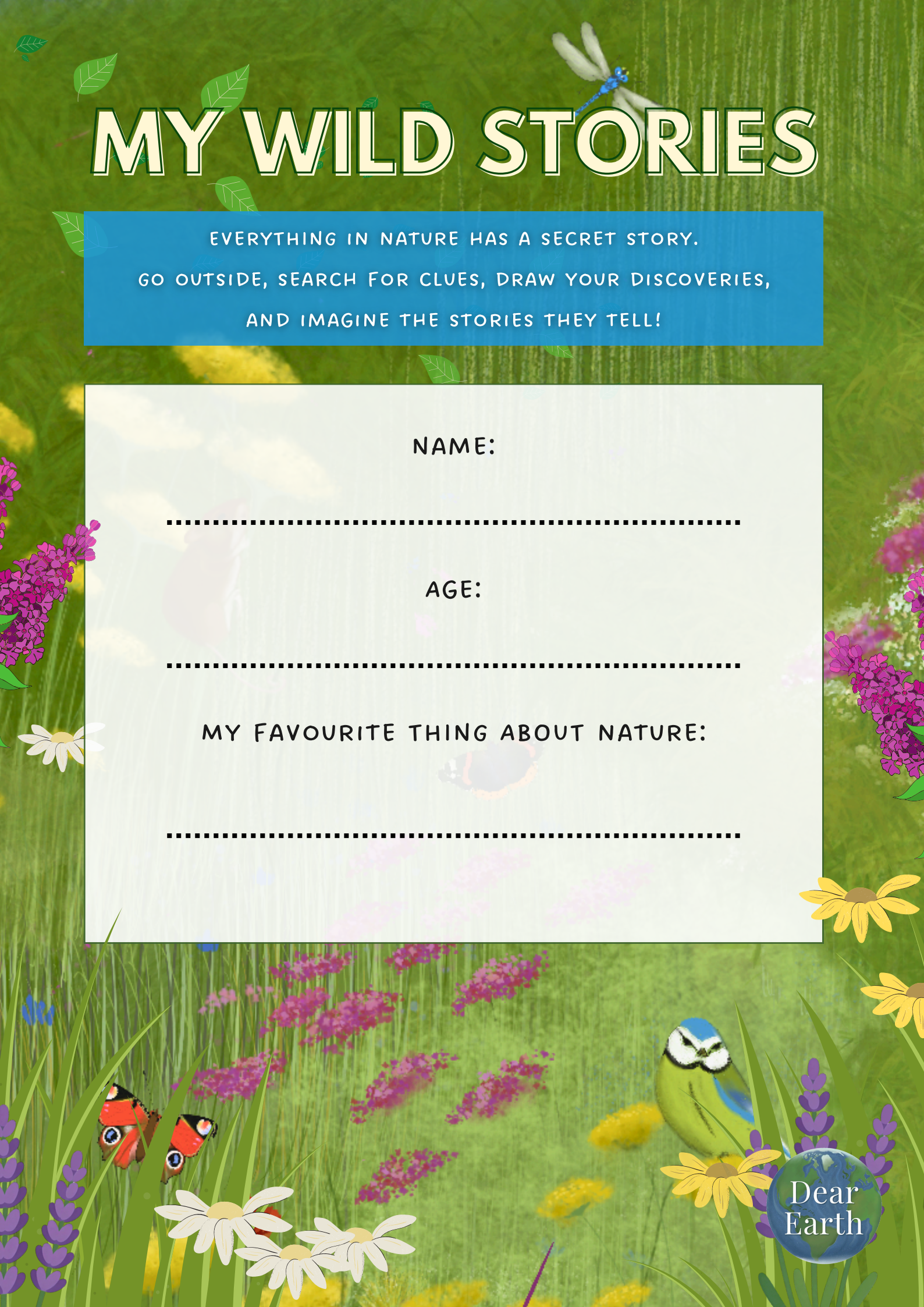




MY WILD STORIES

EVERYTHING IN NATURE HAS A SECRET STORY.
GO OUTSIDE, SEARCH FOR CLUES, DRAW YOUR DISCOVERIES,
AND IMAGINE THE STORIES THEY TELL!

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MY FAVOURITE THING ABOUT NATURE:

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EXPLORE OUTSIDE, FIND EACH ITEM BELOW, DRAW YOUR DISCOVERIES, AND IMAGINE THE WONDERFUL WILD STORIES BEHIND THEM!



THE WILD PATH: FIND A NARROW, FLATTENED TRAIL THROUGH LONG GRASS OR MUDDY GROUND.

WHAT'S THE STORY? THESE PATHS ARE OFTEN MADE BY ANIMALS REPEATEDLY TRAVELLING THE SAME ROUTE BETWEEN FEEDING, RESTING, AND SHELTER AREAS. WHICH ANIMAL USES THIS SECRET ROUTE EVERY DAY OR NIGHT? ARE THEY SEARCHING FOR FOOD, OR QUIETLY AVOIDING BEING SEEN?

THE NECTAR CAFÉ: FIND A FLOWER BEING VISITED BY INSECTS.

WHAT'S THE STORY? FLOWERS PRODUCE NECTAR AND SCENT TO ATTRACT POLLINATORS, FORMING VITAL RELATIONSHIPS IN ECOSYSTEMS. WHO ARE THE REGULAR CUSTOMERS AT THIS FLORAL CAFÉ, AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A NEW VISITOR ARRIVES?

THE SECRET DOOR: FIND A TINY, NEAT HOLE IN A TREE TRUNK, OLD BRICK WALL, OR THE SOIL.

WHAT'S THE STORY? THESE SMALL OPENINGS CAN BE USED AS NESTING SITES, HIDING PLACES, OR ENTRANCES BY SMALL WILDLIFE. WHO LIVES BEHIND THIS HIDDEN ENTRANCE?

THE SUPERORGANISM: FIND A BUSY TRAIL OF ANTS MOVING ALONG A PATH.

WHAT'S THE STORY? A SUPERORGANISM IS A GROUP OF ANIMALS OF THE SAME KIND THAT WORK TOGETHER LIKE ONE BIG TEAM — ALMOST LIKE A SINGLE GIANT ANIMAL! DID YOU FIND ONE? WHAT IS THEIR MAIN MISSION TODAY? ARE THEY GATHERING SUPPLIES, EXPANDING THEIR NURSERY, OR DEFENDING THEIR TERRITORY?

THE POLLEN BASKET: FIND A BUMBLEBEE OR HONEYBEE WITH BRIGHT YELLOW OR ORANGE BALLS PACKED ONTO ITS HIND LEGS.

WHAT'S THE STORY? THIS SPECIALISED STRUCTURE IS CALLED A CORBICULA (POLLEN BASKET) — AND ONLY FEMALE BEES HAVE IT! WHAT IS THIS BUSY WORKER'S NAME, AND WHAT DANGEROUS OBSTACLES DID SHE HAVE TO DODGE ON HER FLIGHT TODAY? WHERE IS SHE HEADING NEXT?

THE WIND VOYAGER: LOOK FOR A FLUFFY, WHITE DANDELION SEED HEAD (A DANDELION CLOCK).

WHAT'S THE STORY? EACH INDIVIDUAL SEED IS ATTACHED TO A TINY PARACHUTE STRUCTURE CALLED A PAPPUS, WHICH HELPS IT TO RIDE WIND CURRENTS FOR KILOMETRES! IF A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND CATCHES THEM RIGHT NOW, WHERE DO YOU THINK THEIR VOYAGE WILL END? WILL IT BECOME PART OF A CROWDED, COLOURFUL WILDFLOWER PATCH, OR WILL IT BE A LONELY FLOWER WAITING FOR A BEE'S VISIT?

THE SILK ARCHITECT: FIND A SPIDER WEB STRETCHED BETWEEN PLANTS, FENCES, OR CORNERS.

WHAT'S THE STORY? SPIDERS PRODUCE STRONG SILK TO BUILD WEBS FOR TRAPPING PREY AND SENSING VIBRATIONS IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT. IS THIS WEB A CAREFULLY DESIGNED HUNTING NET, A FLOATING CITY IN THE WIND, OR A WARNING SYSTEM FOR APPROACHING GIANTS?

THE ANCIENT WATCHER: FIND AN WEIRD STONE, ROCK, OR PEBBLE.

WHAT'S THE STORY? ROCKS CAN BE SHAPED BY WATER, WEATHER, AND TIME OVER THOUSANDS OR EVEN MILLIONS OF YEARS. IF THIS STONE COULD REMEMBER ITS JOURNEY, WHAT LANDSCAPES, STORMS, AND ANCIENT WORLDS WOULD IT HAVE WITNESSED?

THE POND WATCHERS: A POND OR AREA OF STILL WATER WITH PLANTS OR RIPPLES.

WHAT'S THE STORY? MANY ANIMALS USE PONDS FOR BREEDING, FEEDING, AND SHELTER THROUGHOUT THEIR LIFE CYCLES. WHO DEPENDS ON THIS WATER TO SURVIVE, AND WHAT JOURNEYS BRING THEM HERE?

