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Teacher Notes and Activities

Butterfly and Oscar

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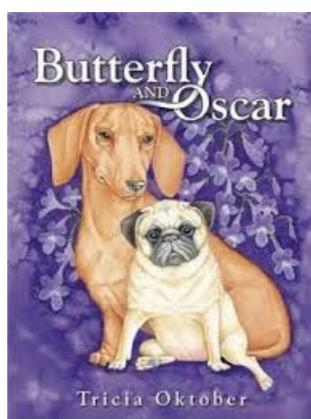
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**Picture Book of
the Month**

When Butterfly joins a family of dachshunds, she doesn't realise how different she looks ... until she unexpectedly sees herself in a mirror. It takes Oscar, her best friend, to convince her that the other dogs love her for herself. A joyful celebration of difference.



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Themes:

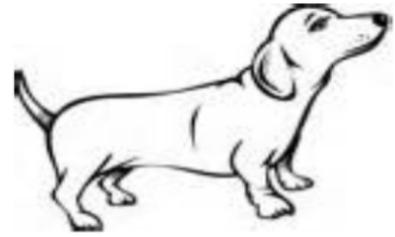
- Acceptance
- Friendship
- Being different

Discussion Points & Activities:

- When you look at the cover, which dog do you think is Butterfly? Do you know what breed the two dogs are? What do you think the story could be about?
- Discuss what it means to 'feel different' and talk about some examples, such as different sizes of shoes, being tall or short, colours of eyes etc.
- Draw up some data sheets to record this information, impressing that we are all unique and 'differences' do not matter in our daily lives...refer back to Butterfly's experience.
- Should being different mean anything? In this story being different made Butterfly feel 'left out' or worried about being different from the dachshunds. Discuss if the 'difference' Butterfly felt ever applies to people.
- Often newly enrolled students feel alone in their new school - how could your students assist a new student?
- Discuss the roles that Oscar and her owner played in helping Butterfly.
- Discuss the advantages of being 'different' - this does not have to be all about negative feelings! We celebrate living in a multi-cultural society where 'difference' has been embraced.
- Re-read the story. Think about the 'feelings' the dogs may have for each other as you do. Focus on and discuss the changes in Butterfly's behaviour.
- There are two activity sheets attached for your students to complete.

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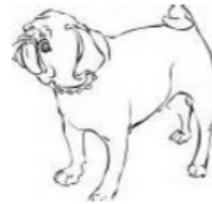
Happy Healthy Dogs



All the pets in *Butterfly and Oscar* had to be looked after.

Make a list and draw a picture of what the owner would do to keep the pets happy and well.

One section has been done for you.



Go to the Vet
for check-ups.

