

Hey Little Oak Explorers,

Jim has inspired us to create our own wild space for butterflies and moths to visit. Fancy creating your own totally awesome wild space? Here is how:

1. **Pick Your Spot:** Find a sunny area in your garden, balcony, or school field (with the permission of your teachers of course). It doesn't need to be a big space. Butterflies and moths love warm and sunny spaces and will make do with whatever space they're given.
2. **Choose the Right Plants:** Some great choices for planting are lavender, buddleia, honeysuckle, or herbs like mint and chives.
3. **Let It Grow Wild:** Allow a part of your space to grow wild. Let the grass grow longer and don't pull the weeds. This creates hiding spots and food for caterpillars.
4. **Create Butterfly Snacks:** Did you know butterflies like fruit? Place a small plate with slices of oranges or bananas in your wild space. This gives them a tasty treat.
5. **Avoid Chemicals:** Don't use pesticides or herbicides in your wild space. These can harm butterflies, moths and other friendly insects.
6. **Be Patient and Observe:** It might take a little time, but soon you'll see butterflies and moths visiting your Wild Space. Keep a journal and draw pictures of the different ones you see. You can ask your parents or carers to print off Solara's butterfly guide for you which will help you identify all your visitors.

Well done Little Oaks, every little effort helps our fluttery friends. Have fun creating your wild space, and remember to ask your parents and carers to send in your photos to:

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For more information, you can visit www.wild-spaces.co.uk

