# **Tulip and Brutus**

## No printer? No problem! Here are some fun buggish activities for you.

#### 1. Design your own bug.

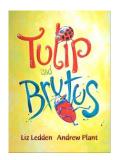
- a) Draw it, paint it or even a make a collage. Or make it out of craft scraps, like boxes or paper plates. If you have any pipe cleaners, they make great antennae!
- b) Give your bug a name.
- c) Write a paragraph or two about your bug. Where does it live? What does it eat? What does it like to do? It doesn't have to be realistic make it as whacky and weird as you like!
- d) Now, invent a friend for your bug. Repeat steps 1a to 1c. Make your second bug really different to your first bug!

#### 2. Go on a bug hunt.

- a) If you have a backyard or a balcony garden, inspect your plants for bugs.
- b) If you can't find any (or want to find more), go with a parent or carer on a nature walk around your neighbourhood. Search trees, bushes and flowers for bugs.
- c) Draw your findings in a notebook.
- d) If you don't find any bugs, don't worry. Collect some interesting leaves, petals, twigs or rocks instead! You could make something with them when you get home.

### 3. Discover some cool bug facts.

- a) If you have internet access, research bugs. Here are some places to get started:
  - https://www.natgeokids.com/au/discover/animals/insects/15-facts-about-bugs/https://www.si.edu/spotlight/buginfo/fun-facts-bugs
- b) Record your findings make a fun poster with bug facts and drawings!



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A funny, stinky story about teamwork, differences, friendship ... and bugs!