

Butterflies



Facts about Butterflies:

- Butterflies attach their eggs to leaves with a special glue.
- A butterfly hatches from an egg and starts its life as a caterpillar.
- Most caterpillars are plant eaters (herbivores), very hungry and eat through lots of leaves.
- Caterpillars need to eat lots so that they can grow big and can store energy ready for their change into a butterfly.
- Caterpillars are food for wasps, birds and some big spiders.
- Fully grown caterpillars attach themselves to a safe twig or leaf before shedding their outside layer of skin to reveal a hard skin underneath known as a chrysalis.
- After a few weeks an adult butterfly will push out from the chrysalis where it will wait a few hours for its wings to fill with blood and dry, before flying for the first time.
- Most butterflies feed on nectar from flowers.