Encounter Craft – 19th August
This week – Playing with Symmetry

Symmetry finds its way into lots of art works and can be a fun way to experiment with line, shape and colour
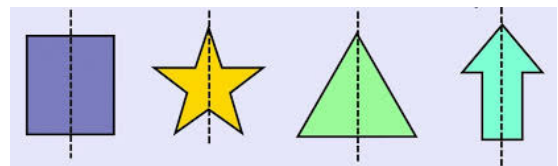
Wet Coffee Filters

Thoroughly wet a paper coffee filter and fold in half. Using felt tip pens and markers, draw a pattern of your own design onto the folded half of the filter. When you have finished, slowly open up the filter and reveal the design which now covers the whole piece!
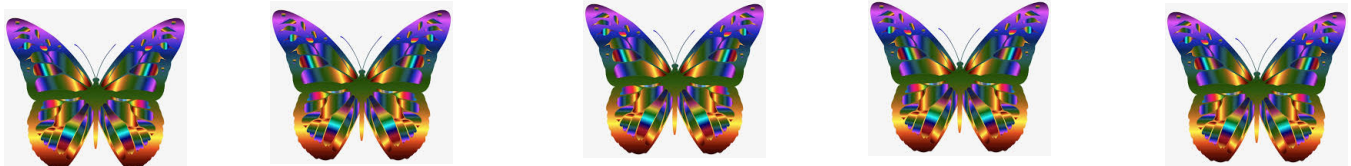

Name Bug

This takes a bit of focus but is worth it! Fold a piece of paper in half horizontally. Draw your signature along the fold, taking care not to cross over it. Use joined-up writing for the best effect. Then turn the paper around and draw the mirror-image of the writing on the other half. You could hold up a mirror to help you with this, to
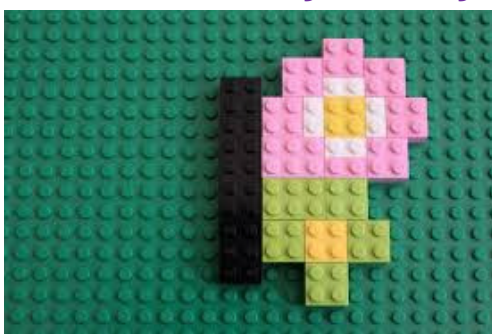
see how it works, or even draw your signature the first time in paint and fold the paper over to print it onto the other half. When you turn it up on its side, your name and its mirror-image will have made what looks like a funny bug – or even an alien! You could then paint it if you like, or add eyes!
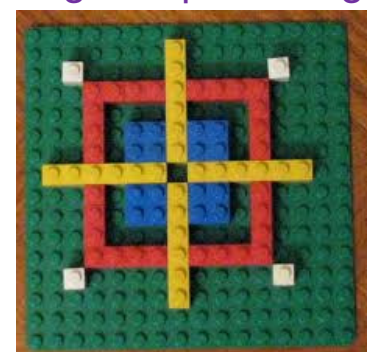
Butterfly Paint Squish

Fold a sheet of paper in half and open it up again. You are going to create half your butterfly on one side of the fold. Think about the shape of the wing and the long, thin body and add paint to that side of the paper in blocks of clean colour to create the shape of half a butterfly, but work fairly quickly so the paint does not dry. When you are happy with your design, fold the paper back over and press firmly all over. Then carefully peel open and lay flat. You will have a perfectly symmetrical, beautiful butterfly!

Plastic Brick Symmetry

This is a great way of creating and practising symmetry! Can you recreate the other half of the butterfly or pattern so that the whole thing is perfectly symmetrical?

HAVE FUN!!