# A note for sharing this story

The friends observe a beetle without collecting, feeding or touching it. Real wildlife watching needs a trusted grown-up and respectful distance; these activities can stay on paper. The beetle is an animal with its own needs, not a toy or a pet that must accept contact. A grown-up can read this aloud. Point, speak or draw; writing is optional. Optional extensions invite explaining, comparing and changing a choice. No one has to share a personal experience. Colour examples are separate and optional.

## Using these pages

Print this monochrome book at actual size on A4 paper. Keep the colour guide on screen or print only the pages you want. Try any colours; the guide is one possible interpretation.

The separate guide repeats the same figures with flat fills. It does not fill the open activity areas or set a correct answer.

Original AI-assisted story and artwork. The main illustrations are traced vector artwork. No learning outcome or curriculum approval is promised.

# Something beside the path



Tavi was drawing a map of the garden when a small beetle crossed beside a fallen leaf. Tavi stopped the crayon and watched. The beetle went under the leaf and out of sight. A tiny corner could be a busy place.

# Invent a gentle reminder

Make a picture sign for a pretend garden visitor. It might invite looking, leaving space or staying on a path. Invent your own symbol in the empty area.

A grown-up can read this aloud. Point, speak or draw; writing is optional.

Optional next step: Explain what the symbol could mean, or change it to make the idea clearer.