

The Flutterbys



Rainbow Play Date

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MEET THE FLUTTERBYS

The Flutterbys are four friendly Butterflies who live in Flutterby Meadow. They love to explore, play and help their meadow friends. Bringing kindness, curiosity and a sprinkle of fluttery fun to every day.

Bold Red Ruby is full of energy and always ready to take the lead.

Sweet Pink Rosie is full of big ideas and endless excitement.

Thoughtful Bue Benny loves to figure things out.

Playful Orange Ollie, a mischief-maker, keeps everyone laughing with his playful ways.

Together the Flutterbys make the meadow a brighter, happier place, one flutter at a time.





It was a perfect day in Flutterby meadow. The sun shone brightly, the flowers swayed in a gentle breeze, and the Flutterbys danced through the warm air.

Ruby zoomed ahead, her red wings flashing in the sunlight. Rosie twirled gracefully, her pink wings fluttering like petals. Benny glided smoothly, always thinking. While Olle spun in happy circles giggling as he went.

"What a lovely day for a playdate!" Rosie sang, looping through the air.



But then...**WHOOSH!**

A big grey cloud rolled in, covering the sun.
The air grew cooler, and the Flutterbys shivered.
"Oh no!" cried Ruby. "I think it's going to ..."

PLOP PLIP PLOP

The raindrops began to fall.



"Quick! Under here." Benny called, diving beneath a big tree leaf. The others followed, huddling together as the rain pattered all around them.

Ollie peeked out. "How long will it last?" he asked, shaking off a tiny drop.

Rosie smiled. "Not too long. And you know what comes after the rain..."

The Flutterbys waited as the rain tap-tapped on the leaves. Then, just as suddenly as it started, it stopped.

A golden sunbeam peeked through the clouds. And then...



"Look!" Rosie gasped, pointing to the sky.
A beautiful rainbow stretched across the meadow, glowing
with red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple.
"The rainbow is here" Ollie cheered.
"Let's go play!"



The Flutterbys took off, racing toward the colourful arch.
As they flew through the glowing bands, something magical
happened...their colours changed.

Ruby zipped through the red stripe and came out even
redder. "Whoa! I'm super Ruby now!" she laughed



Benny fluttered through the blue stripe then looked down.

"Hey! I'm all blue. Wait... I was already blue!"

The others giggled.

Rosie twirled through the soft pinks and purples, her wings shimmering like silk.

"It's like dancing in a dream," she sighed happily

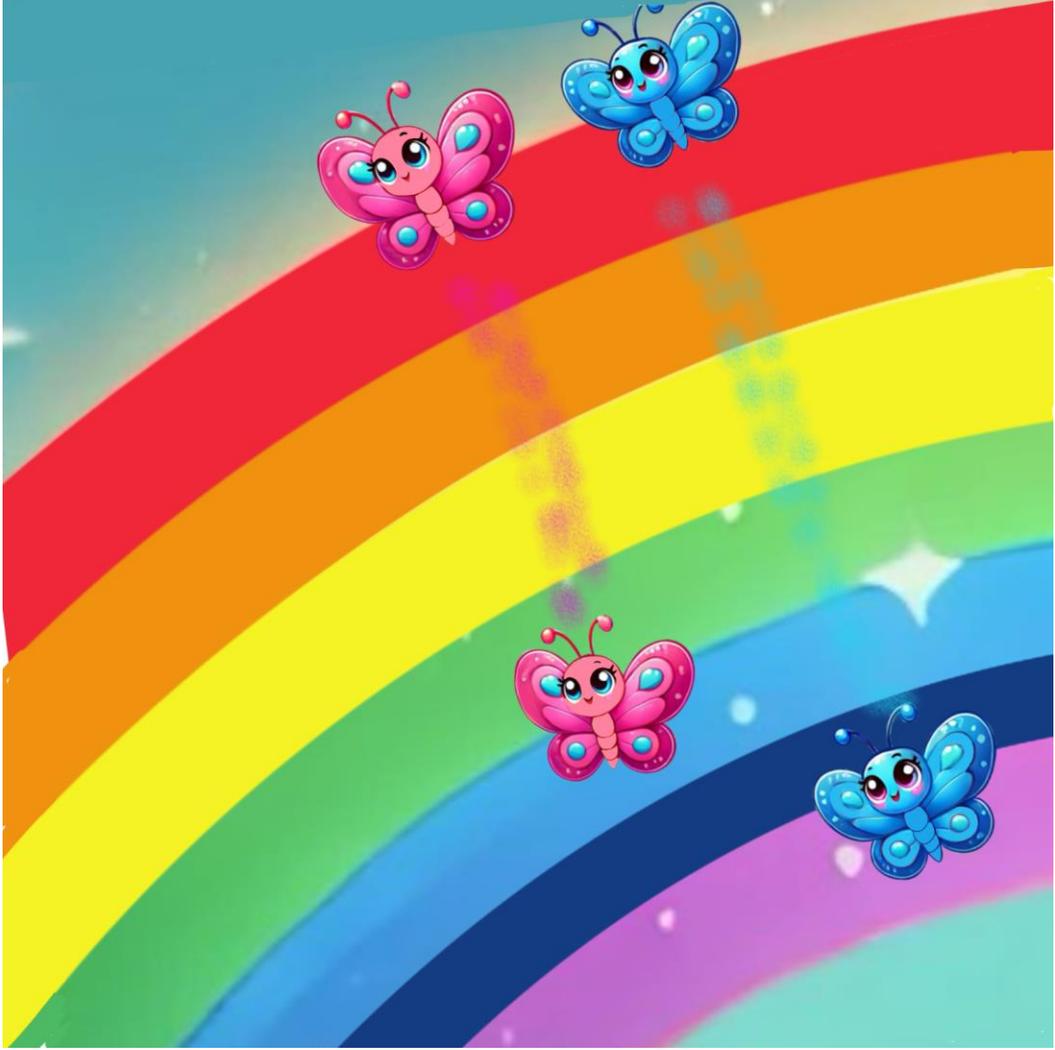


Ollie, of course, spun through every single colour. When he came out the other side, his wings were a swirly mix of every shade.

"I'm a rainbow!" he cried, wobbling in delight. "Does this mean I get to stay like this forever?"

The others giggled. "I think it's just for today," said Benny.

"But you do look very fancy."



Rainbow Races!

Ruby and Benny lined up at the red stripe. "First one to the purple wins." Ruby called.

"Ready...steady...GO!"

They zipped through the colours, Ruby zooming, Benny gliding, leaving trails of light behind them.

Ruby was fast but Benny swooped through the final colour in one smooth dive.

"I win!" Benny grinned.

Ruby huffed, then laughed. "Next time, I'll flap twice as hard."



Colour Tag!

Ollie fluttered through the rainbow, calling... "Whoever I touch turns rainbow-y like me!"
He twirled through the air tapping Ruby on the wing...POOF!
A swirl of colours spread over Ruby.
"Oh no, I'm rainbow-fied!" Ruby giggled, chasing after Benny.
One by one, they all got caught, until they were all silly, swirly, rainbow-speckled.



Sliding on the Rainbow!

Rosie, who loved gentle fun, had an idea. "Let's slide down the rainbow like a slide."

They all fluttered to the very top of the rainbow. The, one by one, they slid down, gliding along the colours.

"Wheeeee!" cried Ollie, spinning as he slid.

Ruby tried to go the fastest, but halfway down she tumbled into a puff of cloud. "Oops!" she giggled, flapping free.

Rosie floated gracefully, and Benny experimented by flipping upside down and sliding backwards.



They played until their wings ached from flapping and their bellies ached from laughing.

Slowly, the colours of the rainbow began to fade.

They landed softly on a flower, watching the last glow disappear.

"Aww," Ollie pouted. "It's going away."



"Rainbows don't last forever," said Benny, "but that just means we'll have to wait for another rainy day."

Rosie smiled. "And next time, we'll play even longer."

They fluttered back to their favourite flower, resting their colourful wings in the warm sun.

The rainbow was gone, but the memory of their magical playdate would stay in their hearts forever.

THE END

FUN FACTS about Rainbows

1. ☸ Rainbows happen when sunlight shines through raindrops—the light bends and splits into colours!
2. ☸ The colours of a rainbow always appear in the same order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet (remember *ROYGBIV!*).
3. ☸ You can only see a rainbow if the sun is behind you and rain is in front.
4. ☸ Rainbows are actually full circles, but from the ground, we only see half!
5. ☸ Sometimes you can see a double rainbow—the second one is fainter, and its colours are reversed.

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