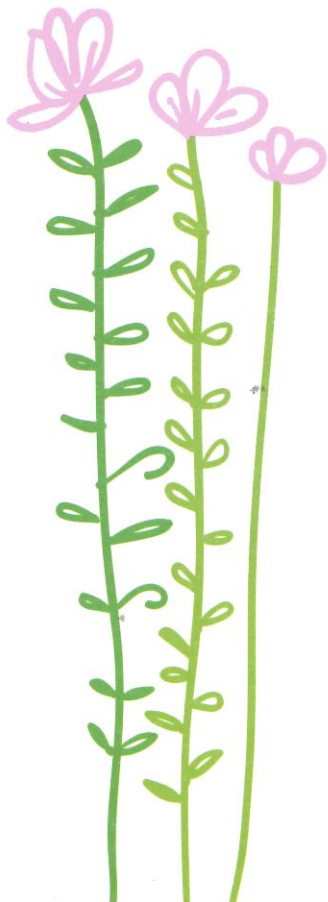
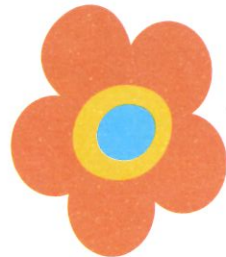


We love  
the beach  
just like everyone else

A young girl with blonde hair and a young boy are playing on a sandy beach. The girl is on the left, wearing a white t-shirt and red shorts, looking down at a large, colorful beach ball. The boy is on the right, wearing a white t-shirt and camouflage shorts, looking down at the girl. The beach ball is large and colorful, with segments of orange, yellow, blue, green, and red. The background is a bright, sunny beach scene with a blurred city skyline in the distance.

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**When a family struggle to look after their children, help and assistance is given to support them to stay together. A child may be temporarily fostered while professionals' work to support parents and if successful, children who have been fostered return to the care of their families.**

However when children are unable to live with their own birth families, adoption is often the legal route taken to enable these children to become full and permanent members of another family.

It can often take time to make the decision for a child to be adopted, and it is never a decision taken by only one person. It is important that the right decisions are made, as once an Adoption Order is granted, a child loses all legal ties with their birth mother and father and they become a full member of a new family, usually taking the new family name.