**Activities for…  
Mortal Chaos by Matt Dickinson**

**Activity 1**

The Purple Hairstreak butterfly is the butterfly which starts the whole story. Your task is to research butterflies using the Internet and books. Select between 5 and 10 and write about them. You can use pictures or draw pictures of them yourself if you like, then compile a written report or do a PowerPoint about your findings. Think about things like life expectancy, where they travel to, if they hibernate and where they are indigenous to.

**Activity 2**

The chapters in the book are short and snappy, which adds to the tension and the excitement of the story. Your task is to think up a character that could easily fit into the story and be part of the chaos theory that Matt Dickinson has written about. Include location, time, character and plot. Write between 3 and 5 short chapters to fit into the story. You can be as imaginative and gory as you like, but it must begin with the effect of the butterfly beating its wings, the actions of the character and end in the effect it has on the character and perhaps existing characters in the book along the way.

**Activity 3**

It is unusual for animals to attack humans, as humans are generally a greater threat to animals than they are to us. However, as in the case of Bakili and Kamuzu, it is not unknown for animals to do this under certain circumstances. Using the Internet and books research baboons and their behaviour and the reasons why they may attack humans. Discuss your findings within the group. If you like you can look at other animals too, perhaps sharks, tigers etc.