Brilliant Breathing – Summary

Helping ourselves to feel better by deep breathing.

- 1. Place one hand on your stomach.
- 2. Breathe out completely.
- 3. Slowly breathe in through your nose.
- 4. Breathe so that your hand moves and you notice your breath.
- 5. Stop for a second, and then let all the air flow smoothly and slowly out through your nose or mouth.
 - You don't need to take in any extra breath to do this. Simply take normal breaths, but allow them to go all the way to your stomach.
- 6. Choose a colour that relaxes you and let this colour fill you with every breath you inhale.
- 7. Then, if you have a particular worry, imagine you are breathing it out every time you exhale.
- 8. So the pattern is deep relaxed breathing, *breathe in* the calm colour and then *breathe out* the *tension*.

RELATED ACTIVITIES AT HOME

- 1. Share Brilliant Breathing at bedtime to help your child sleep.
- 2. Enjoy experiencing Brilliant Breathing with your child, and talk about how you both felt. Share times when it might be useful to be able to relax and feel calm.
- 3. If you know of friends or family members who will positively participate, let your child teach them Brilliant Breathing.

