Read the book: *Snail and Turtle are Friends* written and illustrated by Stephen Michael King, which is shortlisted in the Early Childhood Category. Then complete the activities below.

1. Use the overlapping part of the Venn Diagram at right to show five features that Snail and Turtle have in common. Show five features that are different in the remainder of the circles.

2. Now do the same thing for you and your best friend. Think about appearance, what you like to do, what you are good at and your personalities.

3. People often say that opposites attract. What do you think that means? .............................................. 
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   Is it true in the case of you and your best friend? ............................................. 
   Do you think it is a good thing? ................................................................. 
   Be prepared to explain your answer to the class.

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**Let’s Explore Shapes.**

Although both Snail and Turtle carry their homes on their backs, these shells are very different in size, strength and shape.

**SNAIL** shells are formed in a spiral shape.
1. What other things can you think of in nature that have a spiral shape? 
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2. Can you draw a perfect spiral? Research on the internet to find what a perfect spiral is and how to draw one. Then have a go on the back of this page.

**TURTLE** shells consist of a series of interlocking bony plates that together form a tough protective shield. Often the plates that run along the top of the shell are hexagonal.
3. Research the hexagon on the internet to find its characteristics and why it is considered interesting. 
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4. What other things in nature are hexagonal? 
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5. Use either the spiral or the hexagon shape to create a design for the cover of an exercise book.