

ZIGGY'S RAINBOW WALK



It was a lovely sunny day.

Andrew, Maggie and Ziggy were helping Mum tidy up after breakfast. "Good job," said Mum. "Put your shoes on. Let's go out and do something fun."

"Zab-a-ding-a-doo!" said Ziggy. Having fun was his most favourite thing. Well, his most favourite thing apart from eating big juicy cabbages.

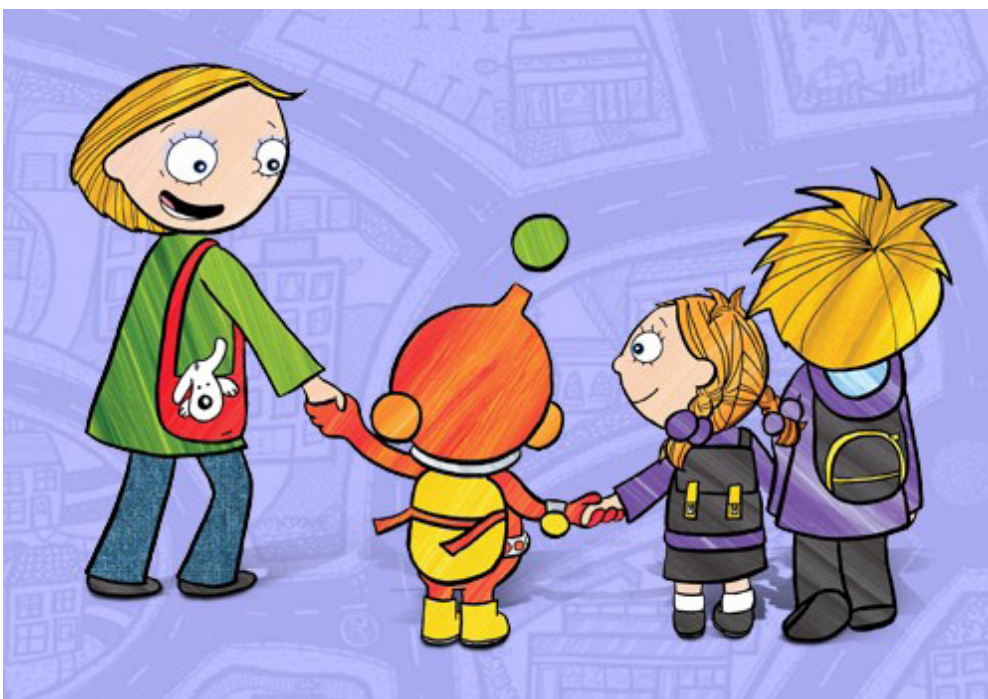
"Where are we going?" asked Andrew. "Can we go swimming?"

"I want to go to Granny's!" declared Maggie.

"Swings!" suggested Ziggy, jumping up and down. "Zab-a-Ding -a-Whee!"

"We can't do anything of those things today," said Mum. "But we can go on a special mission."

"Ooh," said Ziggy. That definitely sounded like fun.



"Now, your mission," said Mum, "should you choose to accept it, is to spot various coloured things when we're out. You'll have different things

to look out for and you'll get a point for each one you see. The winner is the one with the most points. Who wants to play?

"Me!" they all chorused.



Mum handed them each a pencil and an envelope with the words Special Rainbow Mission. Excitedly, they opened their envelopes to find out what they had to do.

Andrew had to look out for **yellow** cars and **blue** vans.

Maggie had to look out for **white** dogs and **orange** cats.

And Ziggy had to look out for people wearing **green** or **red**.

They left the house and walked down the road until they found a safe place to cross.

"This is a safe place," said Andrew. "We can see any cars that are coming and they can see us."

"Very good," said Mum. "Now what do we have to do?"

"I know!" said Maggie. "We have to STOP and HOLD HANDS until it's safe to cross."

"That's right!" said Mum.

"And how do we know



when it's safe to cross?"

Maggie knew the answer to this too. "We look and we listen!"

"Brilliant!" smiled Mum. They looked both ways using their eyes to look and their ears to listen.

When they were sure there was nothing coming they crossed the road safely.

"Zab-a-ding-a-doo!" said Ziggy when they got to the other side.

"Zag-a-ding-a-doo!" squealed Maggie. "Orange cat!"
Snoozing on a garden wall was a beautiful orange cat.

"Good spot," said Mum. "Put a tick on your paper."

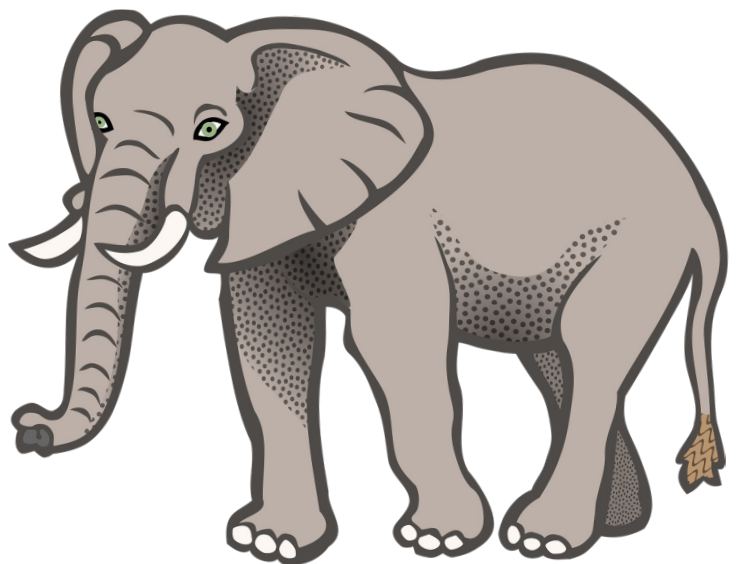
Maggie wasn't very good at drawing ticks so she just drew a squiggle.

"I'm definitely going to win!" declared Maggie.

Isn't she cheeky? Do you think she's going to win?

They walked down the hill. Other people were out walking too. Mum told Andrew, Maggie and Ziggy that when they saw people coming towards them they had to stand in a bit.

"It's good manners to give people enough room to pass," Mum said. "Imagine we're taking a big, big elephant out for a walk with us. That's how much room we should give other people."



Ziggy and Maggie giggled. They liked imagining they were taking an elephant for a walk.

"There's Frankie's mum on her way to work," said Andrew as they waited at the lights to cross.



"In her nice yellow car," Mum said, giving Andrew a nudge. "You get a point! You get a point!" shrieked Ziggy excitedly. "So do you," said Andrew. "Look, she's wearing her green uniform."

The red man went off and the green man came on meaning it was safe to cross.

Do you know what they did before they crossed? That's right! They checked that all the cars had stopped. Zab-a-ding-a-doo!

They all took turns to decide where they'd go on their walk. Ziggy tossed a coin to see whether to go straight on or to turn on to a different road. Straight on this time! Andrew spotted a van, but it was purple, not blue, so that didn't count. A cute little cat miaow-ed from a wall, but it was a black cat not an orange one, so that didn't



count either. But they did see the postman so Ziggy got a point for his **red** shirt. Zab-a-Ding-a-Doo!

It was great fun discovering streets they'd never been to before. What made it really special was seeing all the pretty rainbow pictures in the windows. So bright. So colourful. They made everyone feel so happy.

As soon as they got home they gathered round the table to add up their ticks (and squiggles).

Andrew saw one **yellow** car and three **blue** vans, giving him four points. Maggie saw two **orange** cats and two **white** dogs, giving her four points too.



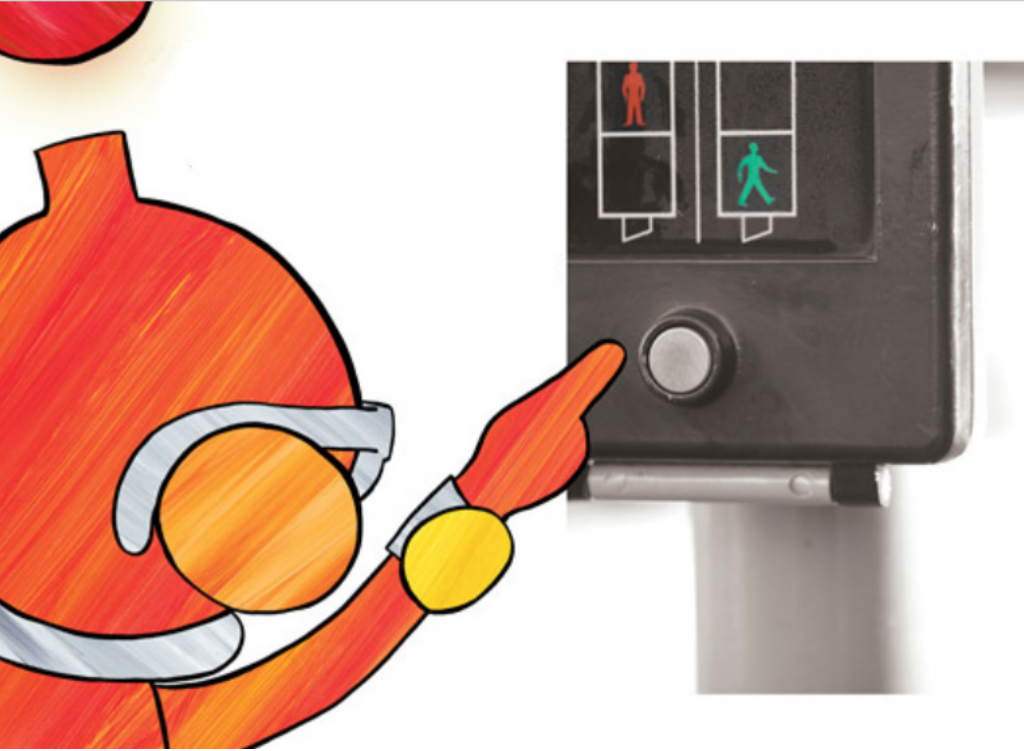
Ziggy saw Frankie's mum in her **green** uniform and the postman in his **red** shirt. "Oh, I only got two points," he sighed, sadly.

"Hang on a minute," said Andrew. "Remember when we waited at the traffic lights until it was safe to cross?" Ziggy nodded.

"Do you remember what we saw?"

"I know!" piped up Maggie. "We saw Frankie's mum in her **yellow** car."

"But what else did we see? I'll give you a clue," said Andrew. "How do traffic lights help us cross the road?"



"There's a red man and a green man," said Ziggy.

Andrew smiled.

"Or you could say a man wearing red to do his job and a man wearing green."

"Love it," said

Mum. "So Ziggy gets a point for the red man and a point for the green man."

Ziggy made two big ticks on his paper.

"We've all got four points now," said Maggie.

"Zab-a-ding-a-doo!" said Ziggy.

"Well done everyone," said Mum. "You all deserve a nice treat."

Andrew chose strawberries, Maggie chose a yogurt, and Ziggy chose...Can you guess what Ziggy chose?

That's right! A big juicy cabbage.

Zab-a-ding-a-doo!