

Teaching Resource - Imogen and her Magical cane

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Imogen and her Magical cane

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Pic: Imogen's white stick her magical cane.

Once upon a time, there was a very special girl who couldn't see quite as well as most people.

Pic: Imogen with blonde hair in a plait wearing a blue dress, pink top and red shoes with her white cane.

To help her explore the world around her, Imogen used a long cane, which was white, shiny and she called it Snowball.

Pic: Imogen laughing holding snowball across her hands.

Snowball was also very special - it was magic!

Pic: Snowball on a blue background with stars around it.

When Imogen chanted a magic rhyme, and made a magic shape with Snowball, magic things happened!

Pic: Imogen singing making a wiggly rainbow with snowball.

Wandering along the beach on a very windy day,

Pic: the sky, sea and beach with the wind blowing the clouds and palm trees.

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Imogen was swishing snowball this way and that way making rainbows in the sand with Snowball, her cane,

Pic: Imogen swishing her cane making a rainbow in the sand.

to help her find her way and also to find pebbles. Soft, smooth and shiny pebbles were her favourite.

Pic: Three soft, smooth grey pebbles in the sand.

Suddenly, snowball bumped up against something much bigger than a pebble!

Pic: Blue sky and yellow beach. Imogen banging on the side of a large, smooth grey shape.

Reaching down carefully, Imogen felt a large, slippery object that was soft, smooth and shiny. Just then, it moved!

Pic: Imogen kneeling in the sand touching the large slippery object.

Imogen heard air blowing and whoosh! She got a huge spray of water in her face!

Pic: Imogen looked startled, water sprays out of a hole on the front of the large grey object.

It's blowing water out, it's breathing she realised! It must be a dolphin! Uh-oh. Dolphins shouldn't be on the beach.

Pic: a grey dolphin with a smiling pink mouth and a pale blue tummy.

He must be stuck! It was time for some Snowball magic!

Pic: a magic wiggly rainbow and gold stars coming from the ball of snowball.

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Imogen began to make rainbows in the sand around the dolphin's stranded body and chanted

Pic: Imogen smiles and begins to stroke a magic rainbow around the dolphin.

'Rainbow this way, rainbow that way, rainbow back again. Rainbow this way, rainbow that way, to the sea this dolphin send!'

Pic: Three rainbow arches on the beach with gold stars around them.

The sound of the sea bubbling up gently reached her ears, the water tickled her feet as it swirled gently around her toes.

Pic: white socks and red shoes are on the sand with the bottom of imogens legs and bare feet in the water.

The water gently guided the dolphin back out to sea.

Pic: the dolphin is looking happy and relaxed in the dark blue sea.

Imogen heard a gigantic splash as he back flipped out of the water in excitement! He was free!

Pic: The dolphin is flipping upside down above the sea.

She heard him slap his fins on the waves to say thank you which made Imogen smile.

Pic: a close up of a happy Imogen with her mouth open wide showing her teeth and tounge holding snowball.

Imogen continued on her way back down the beach towards home,

Pic: a happy Imogen with snowball skipping along the beach.

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making rainbows in the sand with Snowball the magic cane to find her way.

Pic: Snowball with a wriggly rainbow and gold stars coming from it.

She looked forward to telling her family about finding four soft, smooth and shiny pebbles on her walk.

Pic: three different shades of grey in the sand.

Oh, and also a soft, smooth and shiny dolphin!

Pic: the happy grey dolphin with the pink mouth and pale blue tummy

Even though she couldn't see quite as well as other people,

Pic: Imogen with her explorer hat and shirt on holding Snowball.

she didn't let this stop her becoming the most amazing explorer the world has ever seen!

Pic: Imogen the explorer with snowball standing on top of a green hill.

This is only one of Imogen and Snowball's magical adventures. Their explorations took them to the ends of the Earth and back.

Pic: picture of planet Earth surrounded by Snowballs rainbows.

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