

The Clumsy Cat



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Chapter 1

Getting into trouble

This is a story about a cat called Ginger. Ginger is a clumsy cat. She lives with her family, a little boy called Rupert, his big sister, Ella and their Mum and Dad. They are a kind family, but they do get cross with Ginger sometimes. This is because she is often getting into trouble, her family are always saying, “Oh, Ginger!”

Ginger is always trying to eat her owners’ ice-cream. She refuses water but will drink strawberry smoothies and she steals chicken from the bin.

Rupert says, “Oh Ginger, you greedy cat!”





Ginger likes to jump onto the garden wall, but she always falls off into the flower bed and squashes the tulips and poppies.

Ella says, “Oh Ginger, you clumsy cat!”

When Mum is in the garden, chopping the firewood and mending the fence, Ginger always disturbs her by pouncing on the falling woodchips and around the vegetable patch.

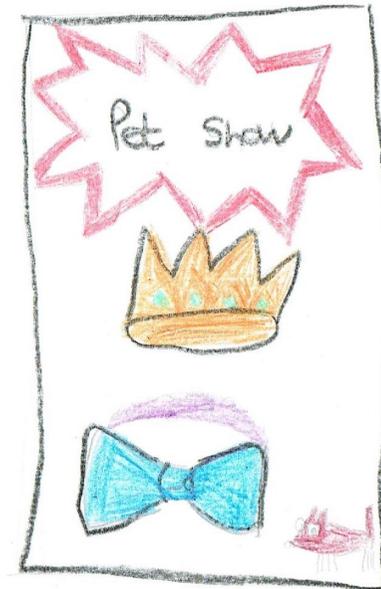
Mum says, “Oh Ginger, you naughty cat!”

When Dad is making dinner in the kitchen, Ginger always comes in and asks for more food, but she spills it all over the floor. Ginger doesn't drink the water from her bowl, she drinks it from the toilet!

Dad says, "Oh Ginger, you messy cat!"

Ginger just wants her family to be proud of her.

Ginger slips through her cat flap and goes for a walk down the high street. She spots something that gives her a good idea.



Chapter 2

The Pet Show

Ginger knew she needed to enter the Pet Show. She thought she had many talents but just didn't know what to choose.

First, Ginger tries a handstand, but she fell, splat on the ground.

Ginger tried throwing and catching a ball, but she dropped it every time.

Ginger even tried singing, but she always got the wrong notes.

Finally, she got it! For the pet show her act would be to balance on a tight-rope.

Ginger practiced the whole day long, and all night until it was the morning of the show. She scrambled out of her cat flap and ran down the high street to the show.

There were a lot of other entries to the Pet Show, Ginger was the final act. Ginger was so excited but she settled down to watch the show.

Monty the sausage dog was jumping the hurdles. He was brilliant!



Munchy the rabbit was juggling carrots. The crowd thought it was very funny when she threw up the last carrot into the air and caught it in her mouth.

Jim, the fish in a bowl, was doing a cartwheel. He splashed water on the judge, but she just laughed.

Ginger walked on the tightrope. Ginger was nervous. Ginger was half way through and lost her balance and fell.

Ginger was sad and disappointed. Ginger knew she had tried her best but she didn't win a prize for the Pet Show.

Munchy the Rabbit was awarded with a special bow for first place.

Ginger made her way home down the high street. Suddenly, right in front of her was a ginormous hat! The hat was a dark purple with shiny glimmering stars. Ginger was terrified!



Chapter 3

Magic!

The shiny hat seemed like a special spaceship to Ginger, she was right, and a wizard appeared from inside of it. The Wizard could see Ginger was scared.

“Don’t be scared little cat, I’m a friendly wizard”, said the Wizard.

The Wizard was itching and shaking his head, “A mouse is in my hat!”, he shouted. Ginger knows she is talented at catching mice. The Wizard asks Ginger if she is able to help him. Ginger jumps up onto his shoulder, accidentally knocks the hat off the wizard’s head and frightened the mouse away with the commotion.

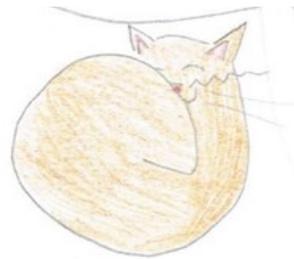
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“I am very grateful to you, little cat, let me reward you with a cool drink”, said the Wizard, while putting his hat back onto his head. Ginger drank it and purred. Her mouth tingled and tasted like magic! Ginger tried to meow and to her surprise she actually said, “thank you”, to the Wizard.

Before the Wizard could say a word to explain, “I am Ginger”, said Ginger, to introduce herself. The Wizard and the cat started to chat. “Ginger, that was brave. You are now a magic cat, that drink was not an ordinary drink, it was a magic potion”, said the smiling wizard. Ginger could now speak and had magical powers. Ginger thanked the Wizard. Ginger walked back home feeling proud and went to sleep.



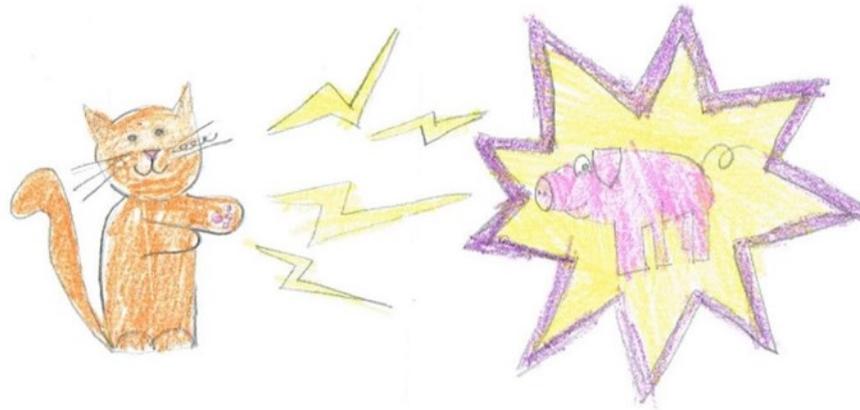
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Things go wrong!

Ginger woke up and remembered about her gift of magic from the wizard. She was very excited. Ginger wanted to test out her new powers but didn't really know how they worked. She decided to carry on with her ordinary day. She went into the bathroom for a drink of water and saw that the toilet had broken and was leaking. She wanted to try and fix it with her magic.

She held out her paws and tried a spell, "fix this toilet and make it shine".

Lightening bolts fired from her paws, but her words had been all wrong, she said "swine" not "shine". The toilet said, "Oink", and turned into a pig!



Ella shouted, “there’s a pig in the bathroom!”, Rupert hurried in, “Oh, but Ginger couldn’t have done it!”, he said.

Ginger ran downstairs for her breakfast, she looked in the freezer but there was none left. She thinks she can make some with her magic. She tries another rhyming spell, “ice-cream, ice-cream, make it freeze, ice-cream, ice-cream like a cold breeze”.



Instead of the freezer filling with ice-cream, mountains and mountains of ice-cream began pouring out of the freezer door in a huge icy pile. Dad saw the mess and shouted, “Oh, that couldn’t have been Ginger!”

Ginger quickly escaped through her cat flap and into the garden. She ran so fast, she fell off the garden wall and squashed the flowers. She thought she could fix it with another spell. Lightning bolts fired from her paws and she said, "Squashed flowers, stand up tall, with this magic never fall!". The flowers stand up tall, but they keep on growing taller than the wall.

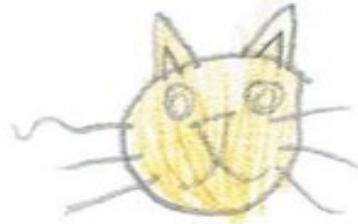


Mum looked around and saw Ginger sat in the overgrown flowers, “Oh, that couldn’t have been Ginger!” she whispered.

The family held a meeting to talk about the strange things going on. Ginger just sat and listened, licking from the pool of melted ice-cream on the kitchen floor.



The story of Ginger the Clumsy Cat continues in Book 2...



Bethany created this book to cheer up her friends in Squirrel Class and her family when school was closed over the Spring Term 2020.

Ginger the Clumsy Cat loves her family but always seems to be getting into trouble.



"It was a really good idea to have a wizard in the story because children love wizards, witches and magic!" - Lucy

"I like the name of the cat because in the pictures, she actually is Ginger." - Matilda



"Wow, Bethany, that was great! Like all cats she believes she should be the centre of attention at all times." - Grandad Colin

