

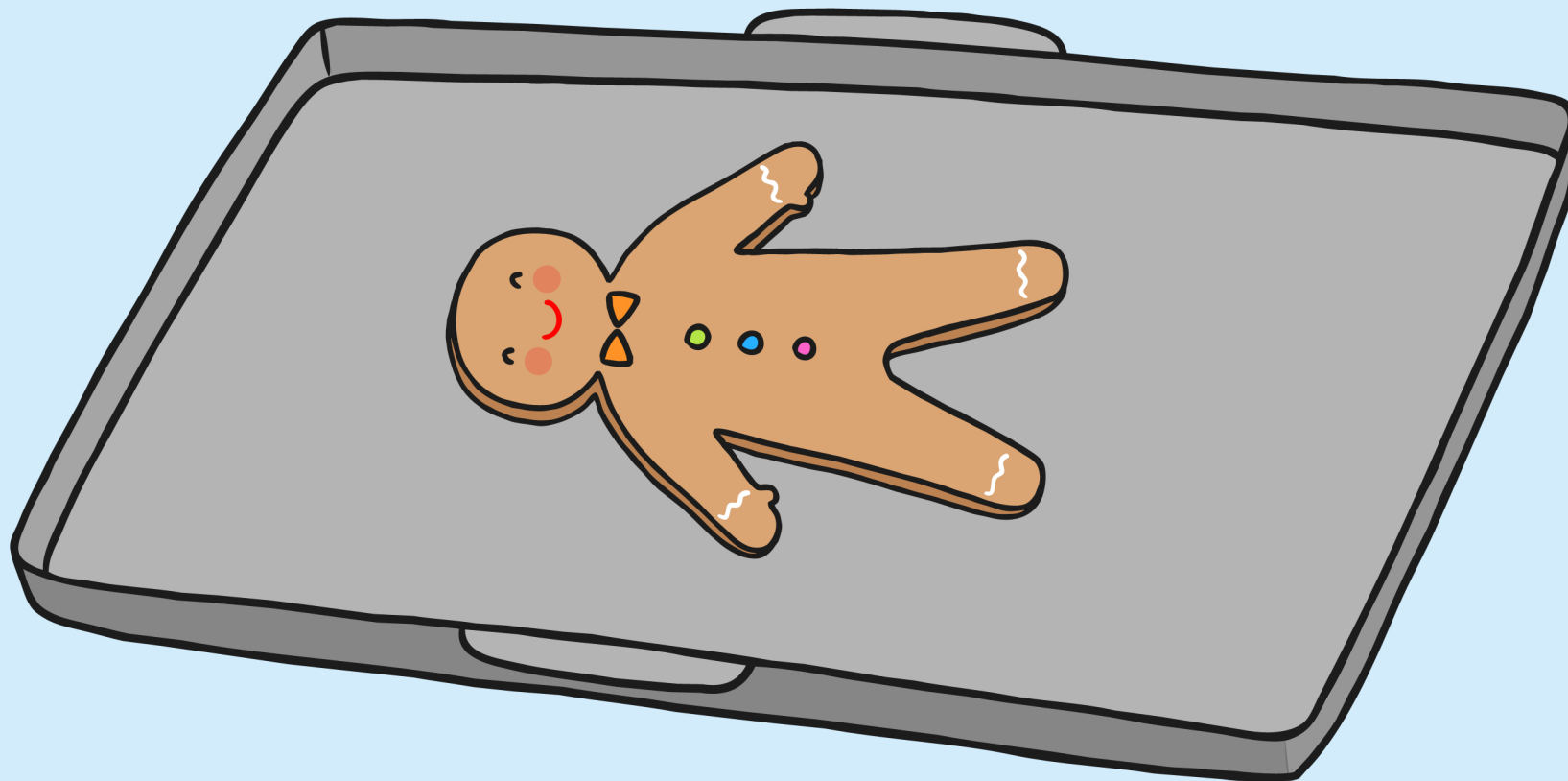
# THE GINGERBREAD MAN



Once upon a time there lived a little old woman and a little old man.



One day, the little old woman made a gingerbread man.



When she opened the oven, the gingerbread man jumped off the baking tray and ran out of the house!



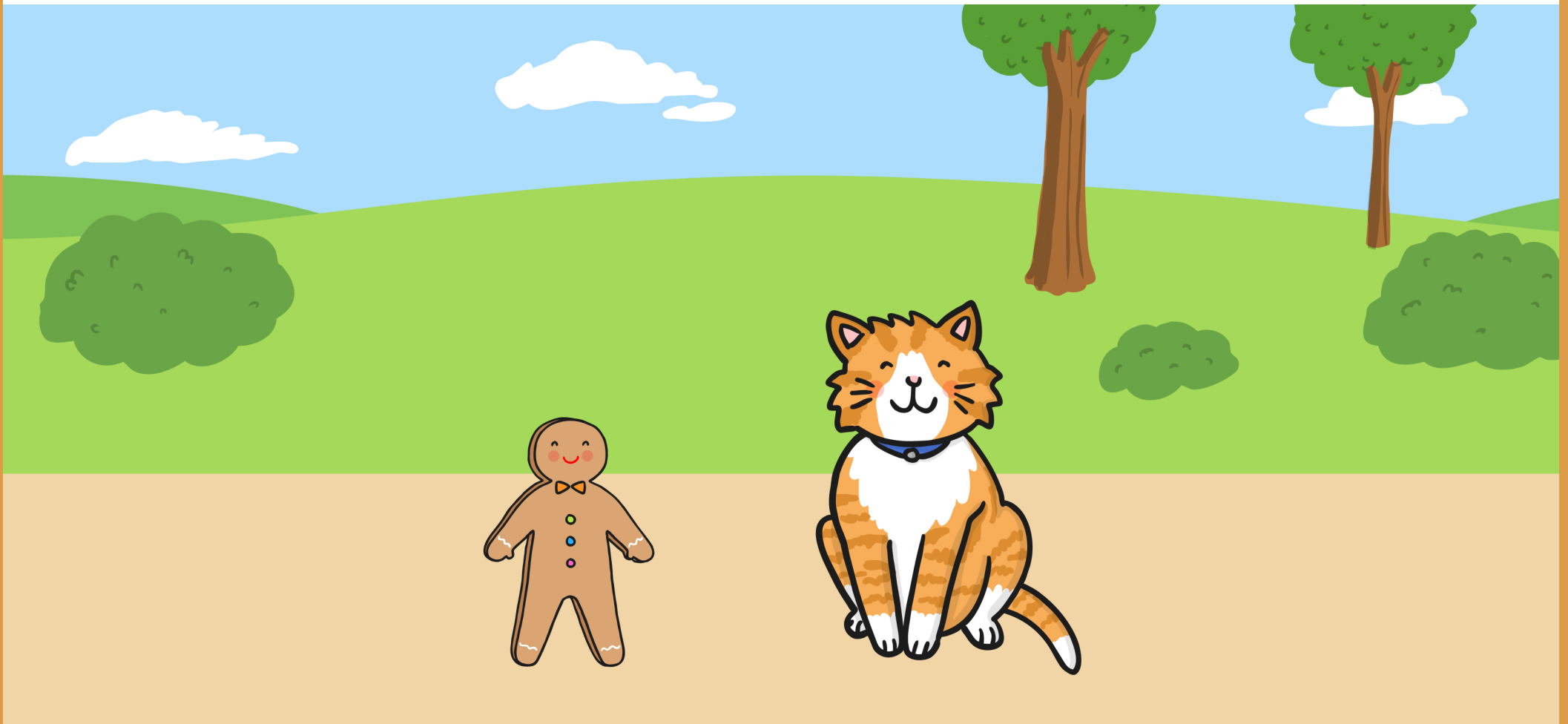
The little old woman and the little old man ran after the gingerbread man yelling, "Stop! Stop!" Sadly, they could not catch him.



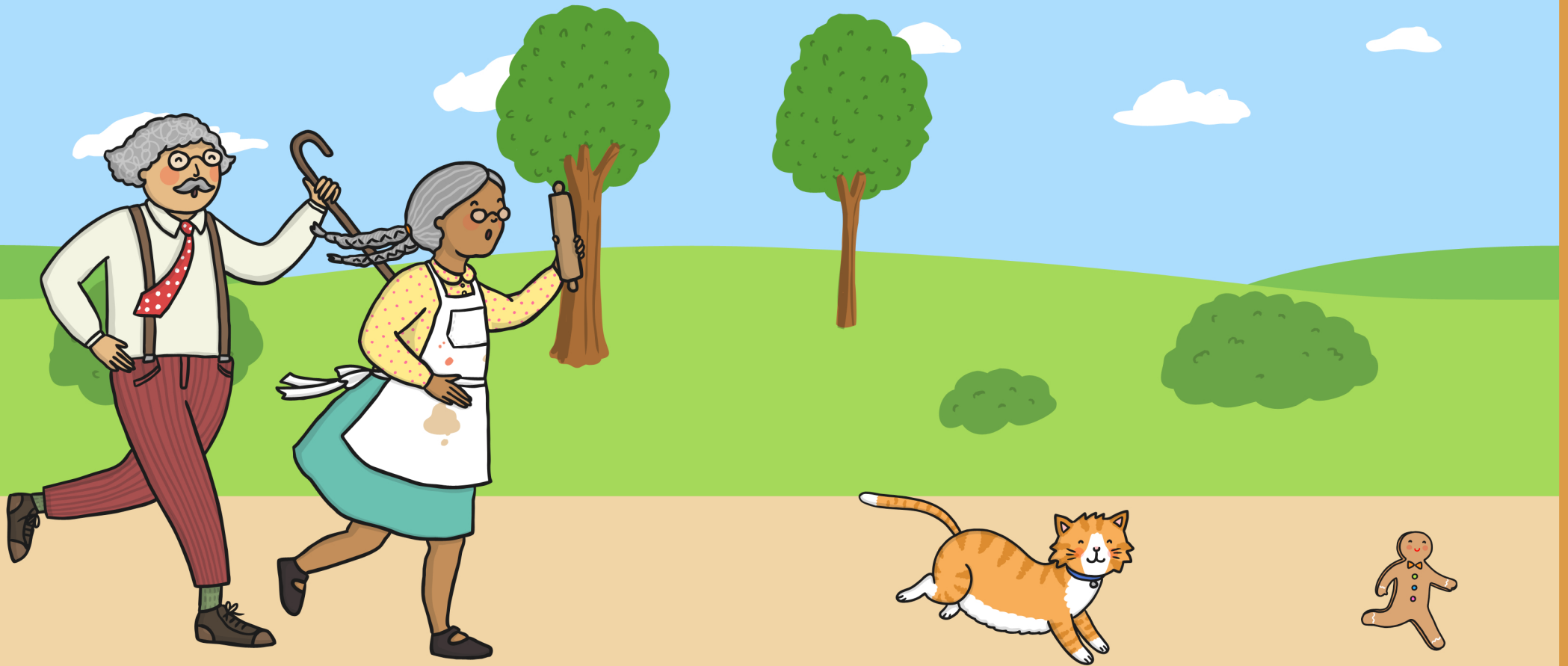
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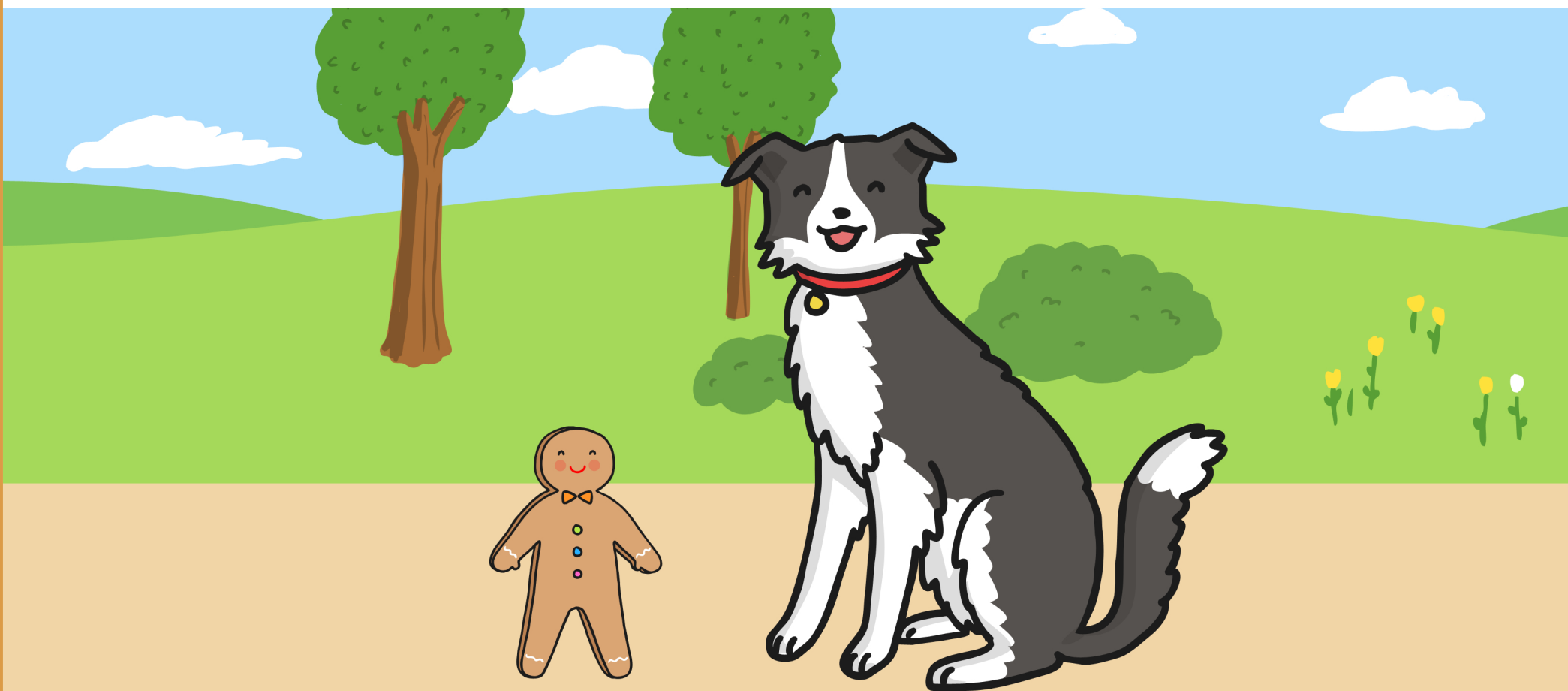
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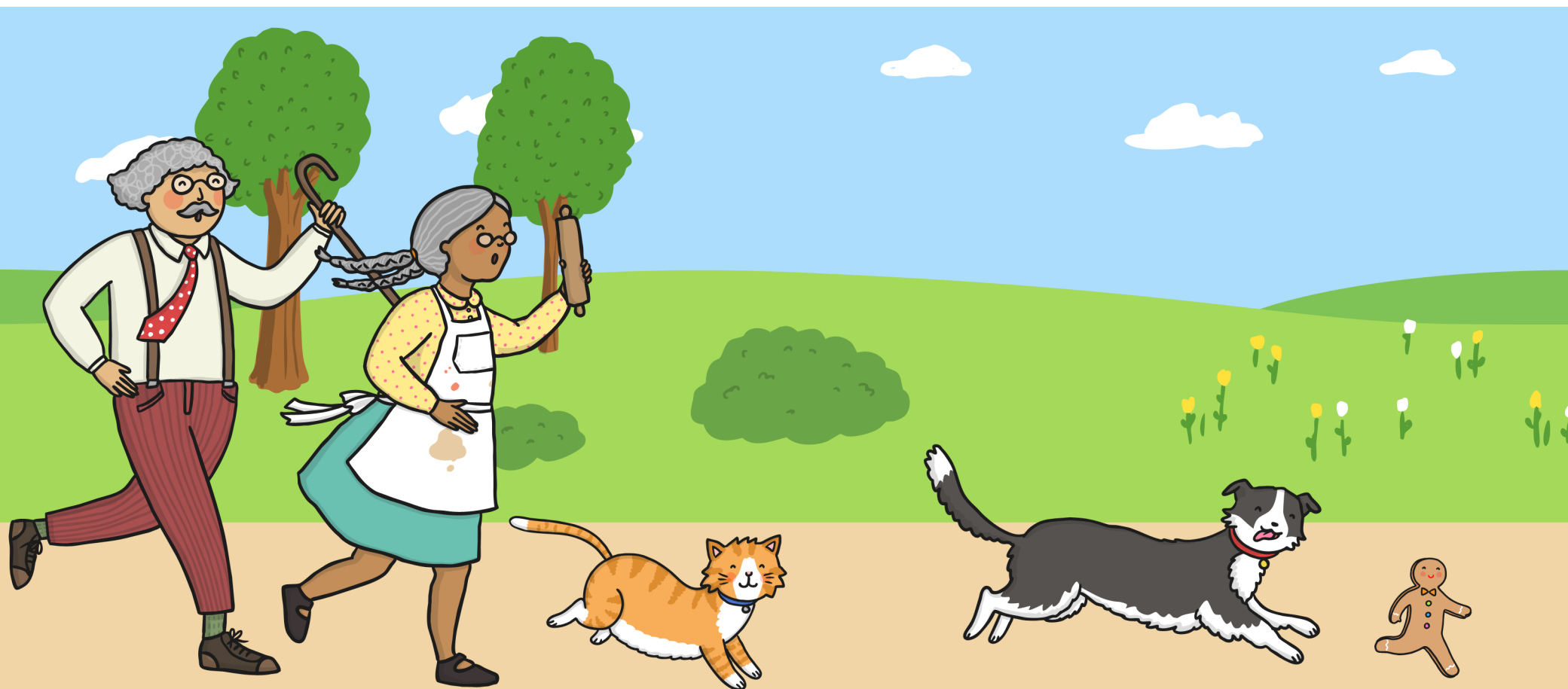
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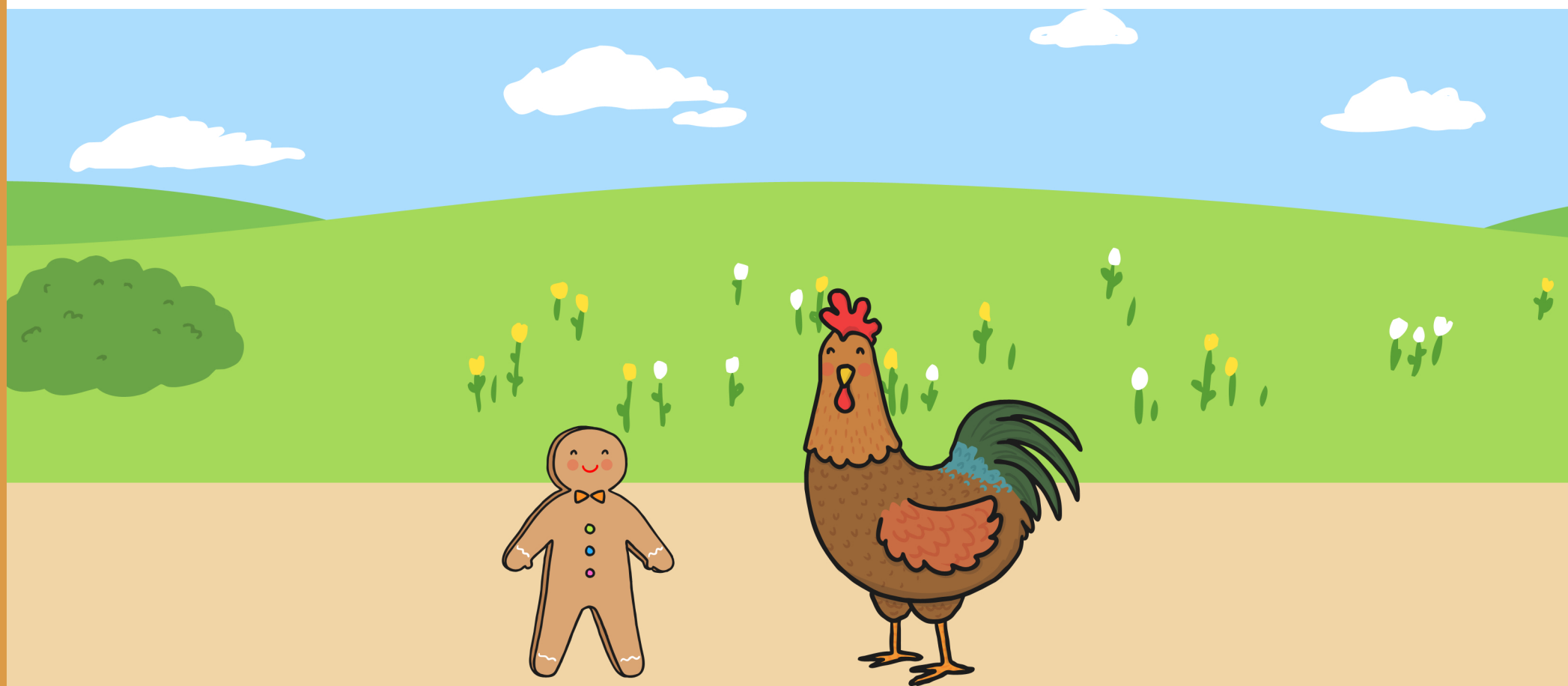
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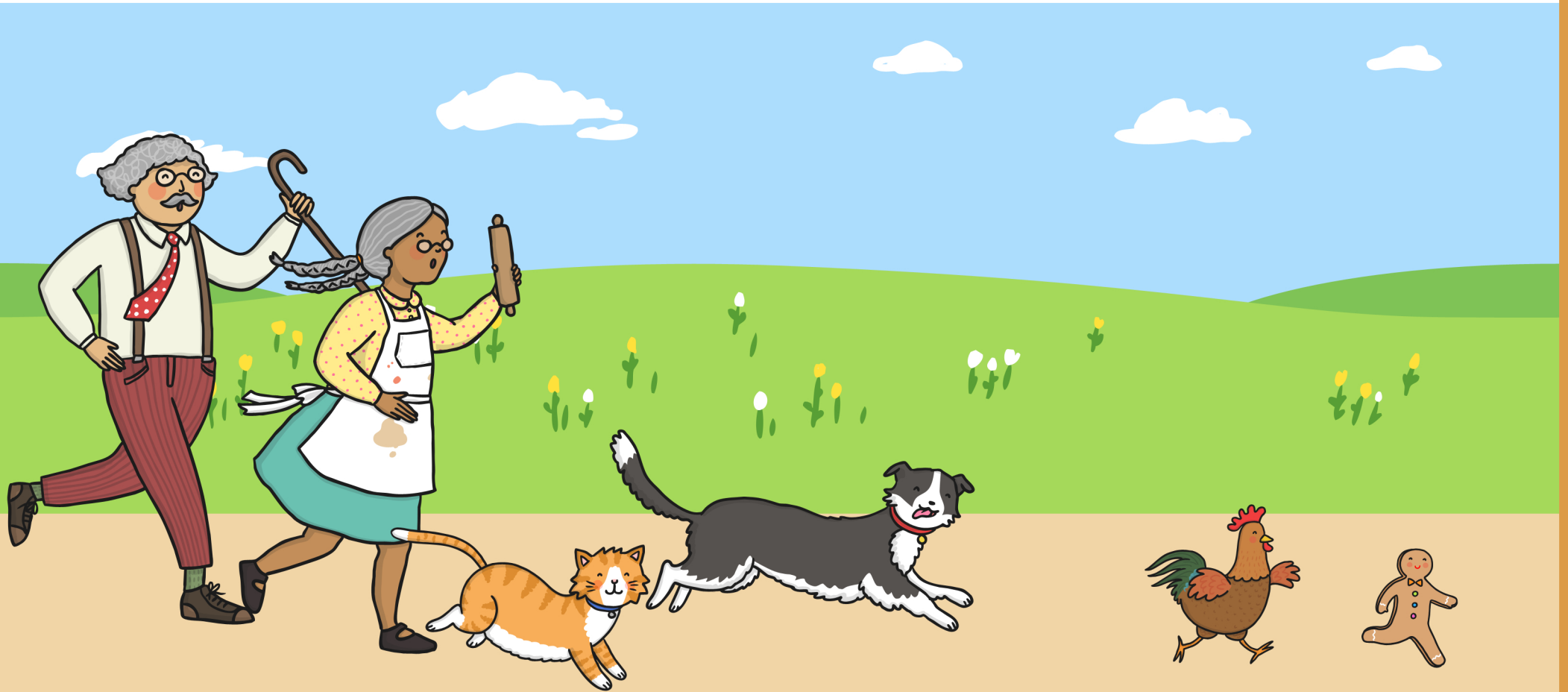
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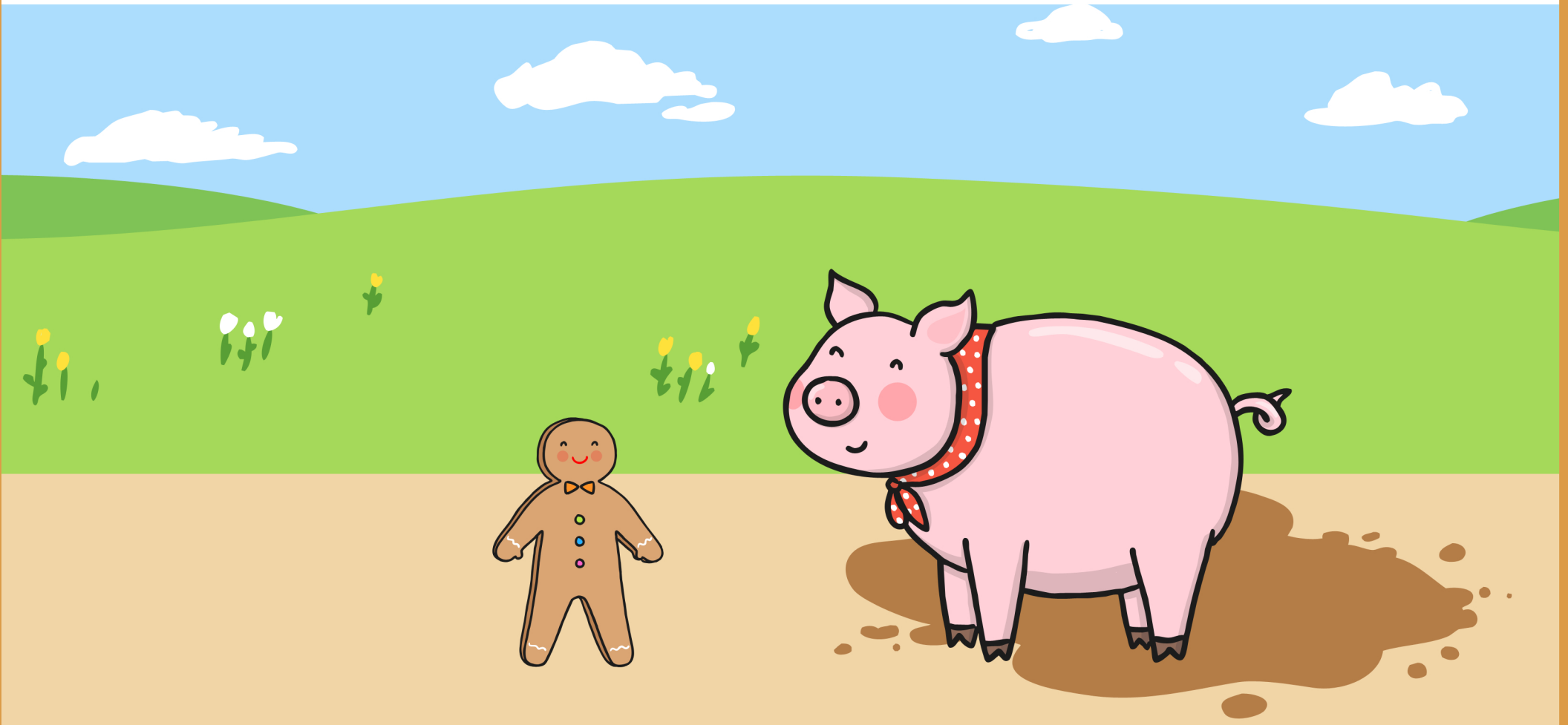
The gingerbread man ran on, then he came to a cockerel.  
“Stop! You look good enough to eat!” said the cockerel.



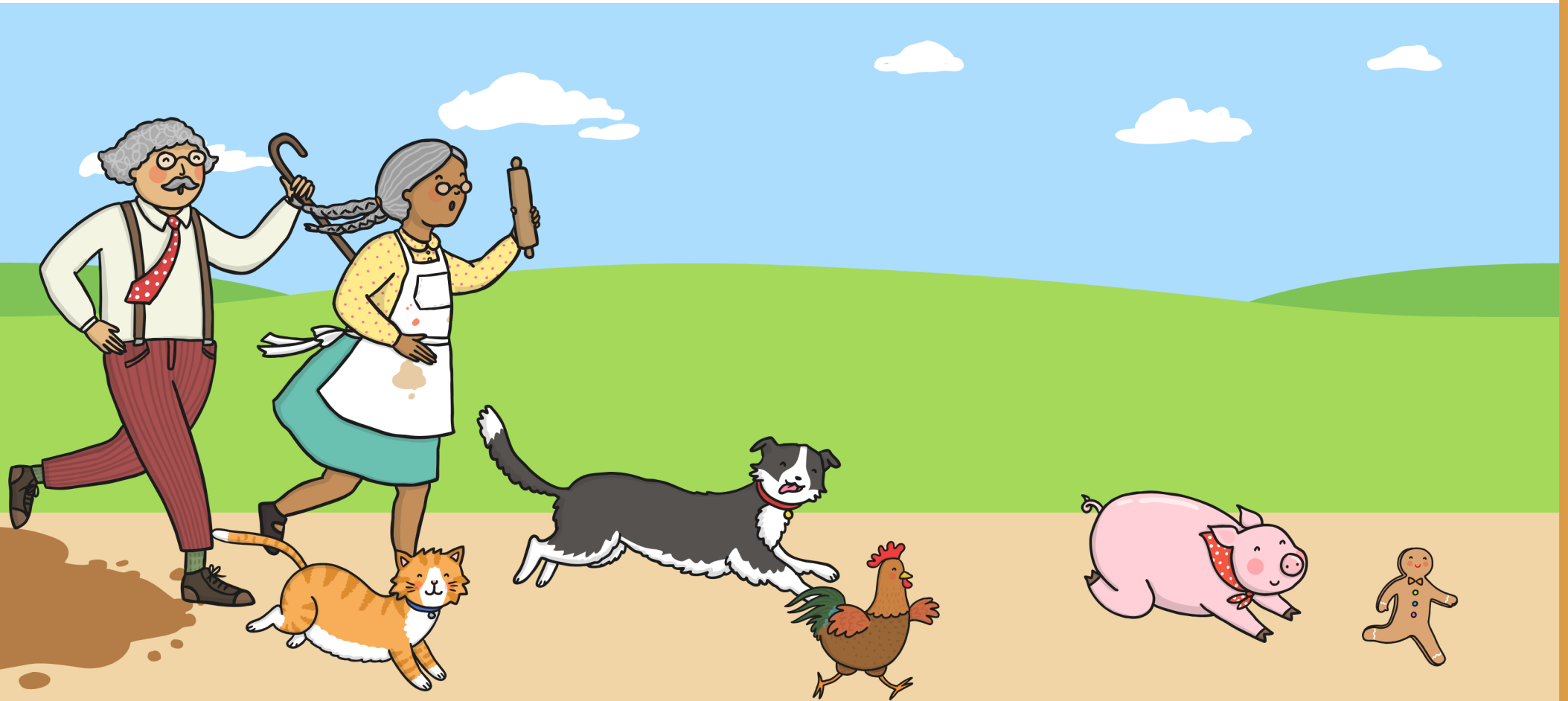
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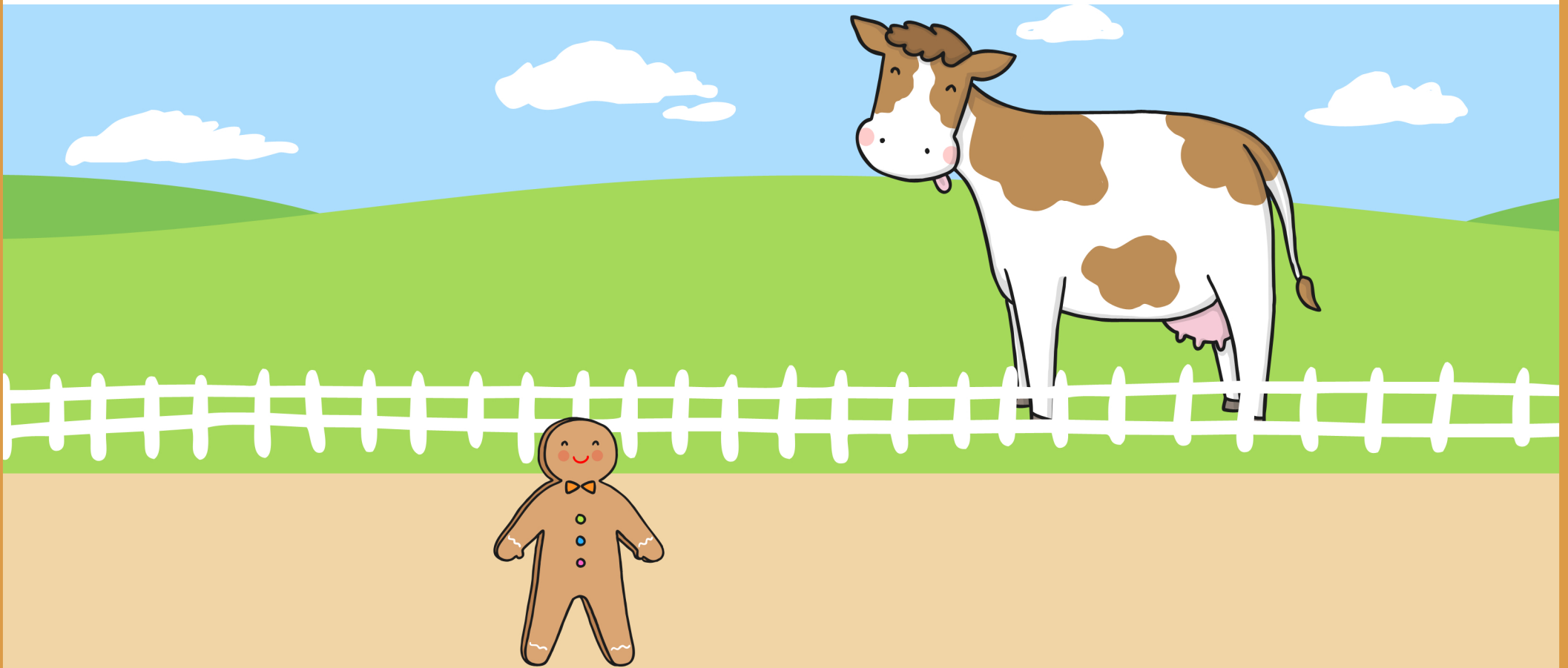
The gingerbread man ran down the lane and came to a pig.  
“Stop! You look good enough to eat!” said the pig.



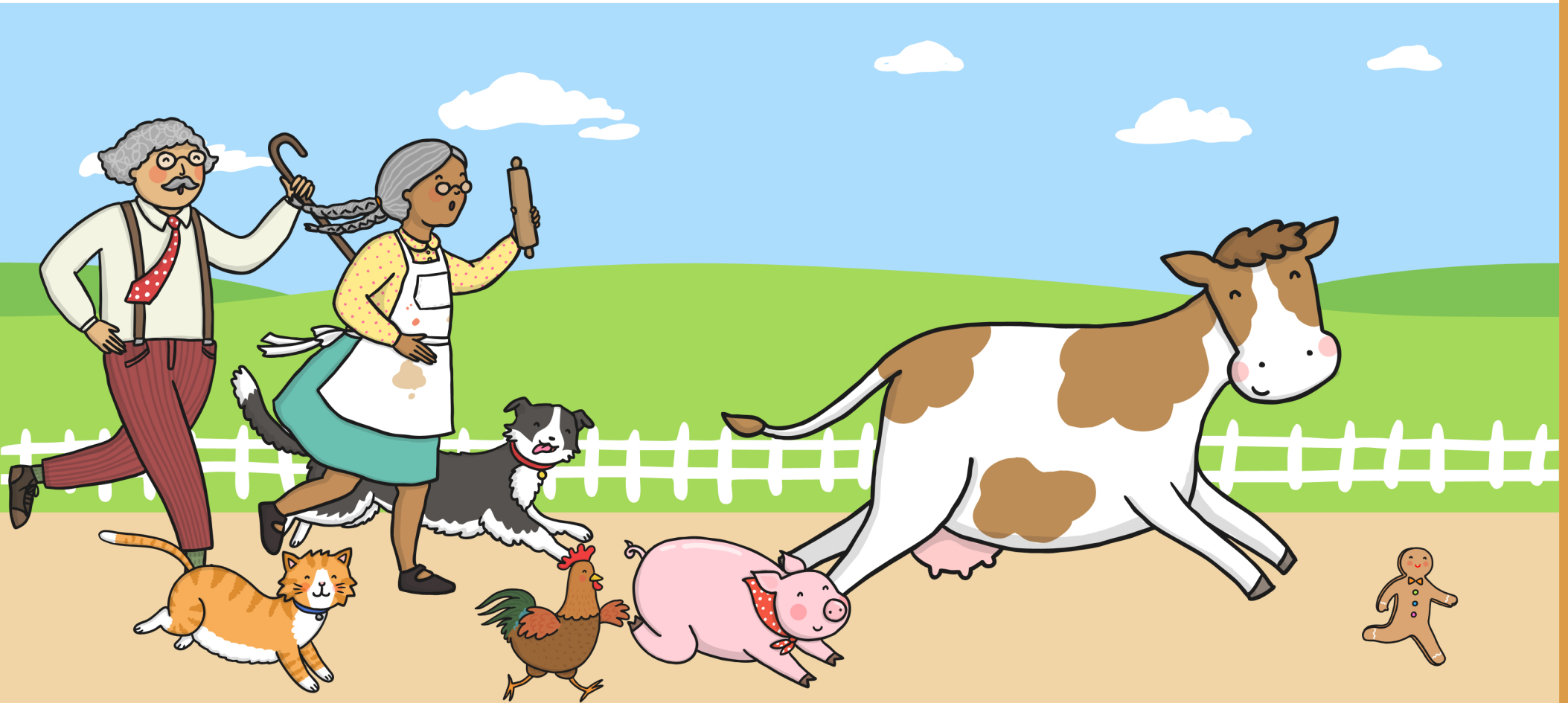
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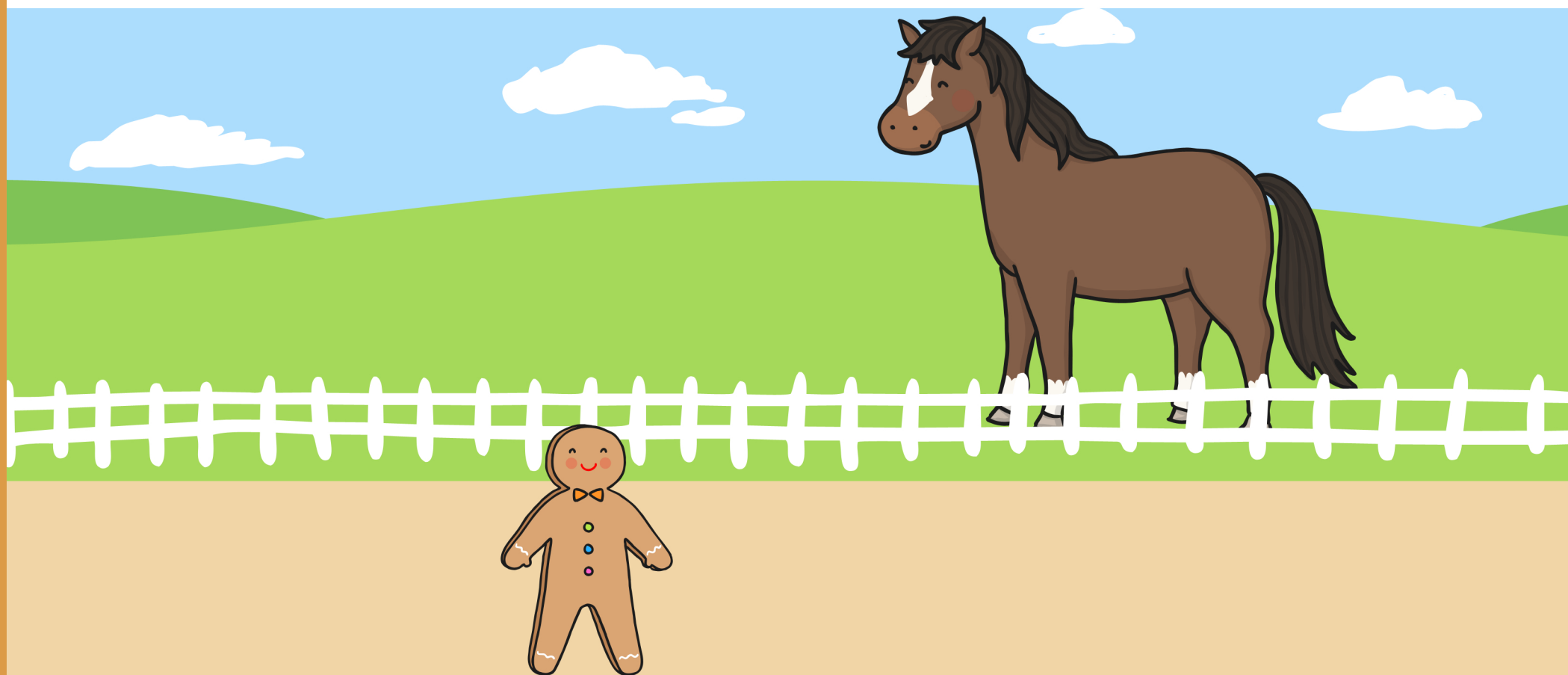
A little further on the gingerbread man came to a cow.  
“Stop! You look good enough to eat!” said the cow.



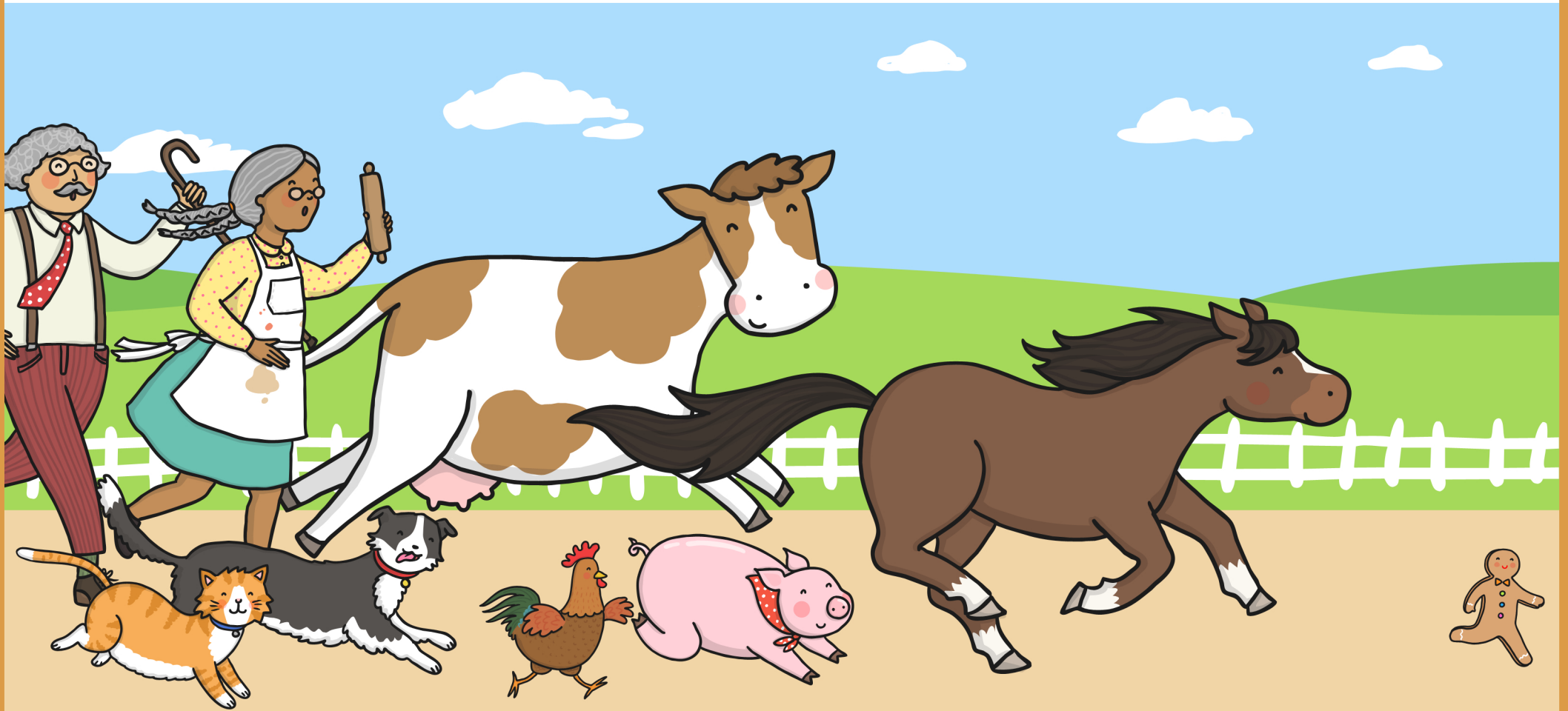
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The gingerbread man ran on, then he came to a horse.  
“Stop! You look good enough to eat!” said the horse.



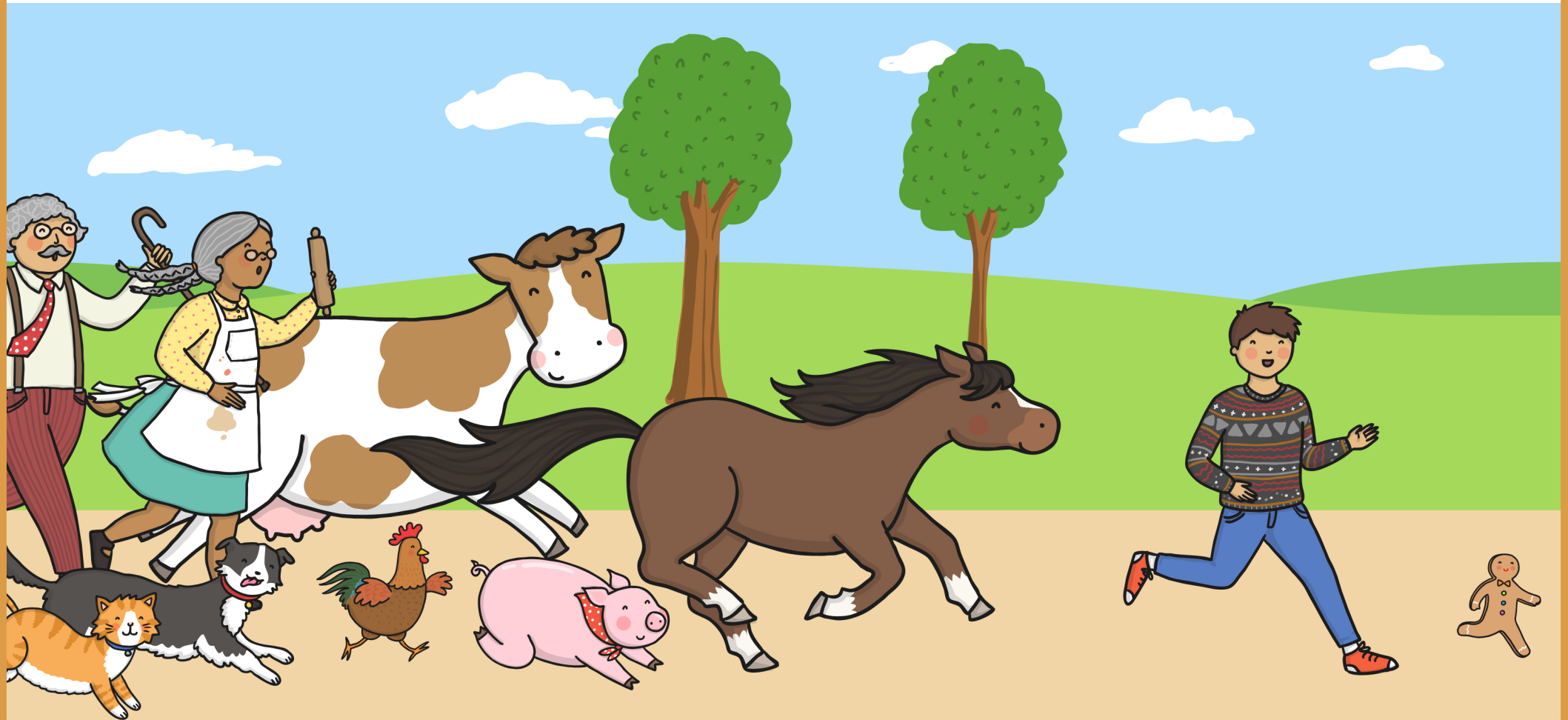
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It was not long before the gingerbread man came to a boy.  
“Stop! You look good enough to eat!” said the boy.



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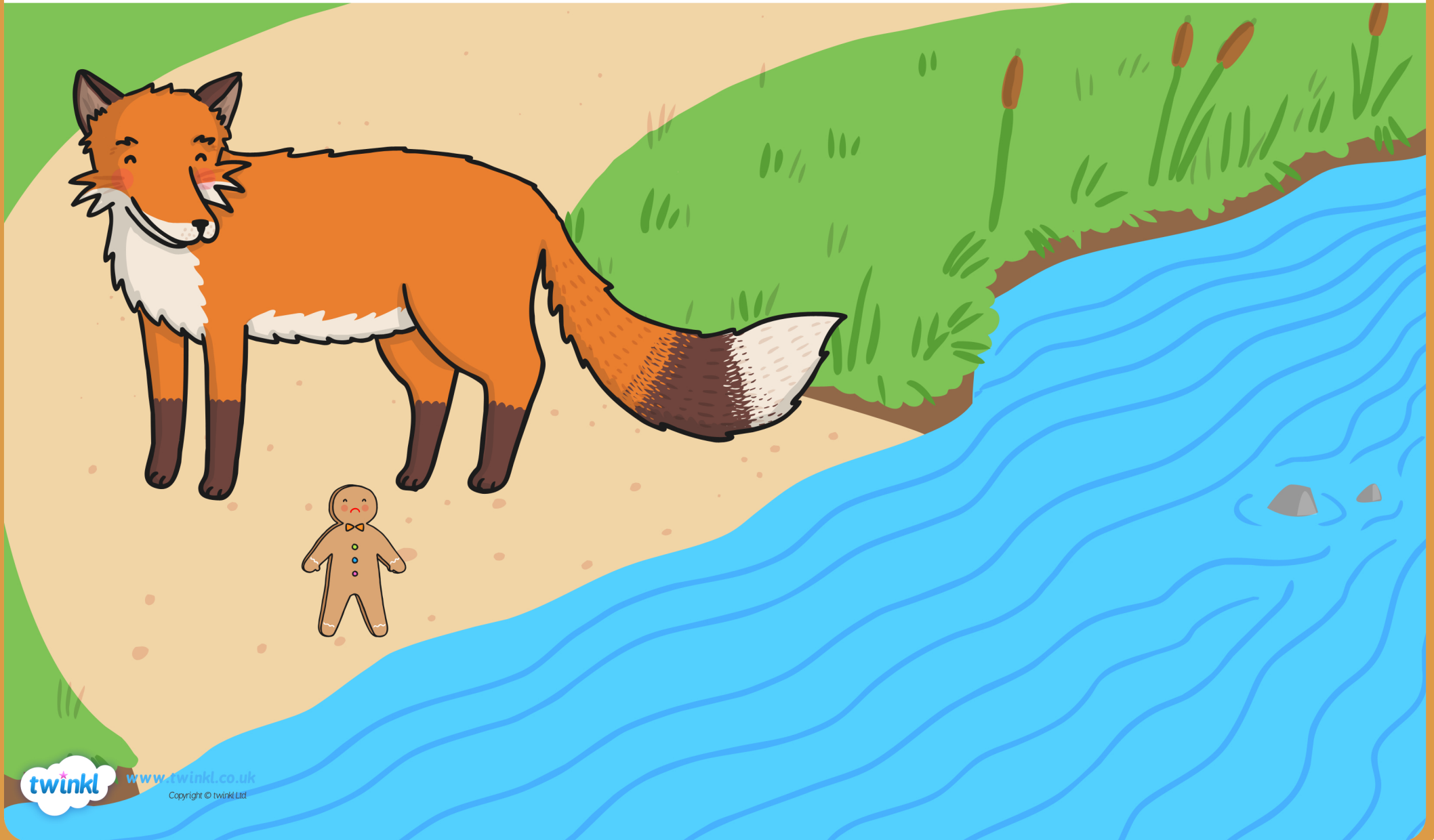
The gingerbread man kept running and came to a girl. “Stop! You look good enough to eat!” said the girl and she joined in the chase.



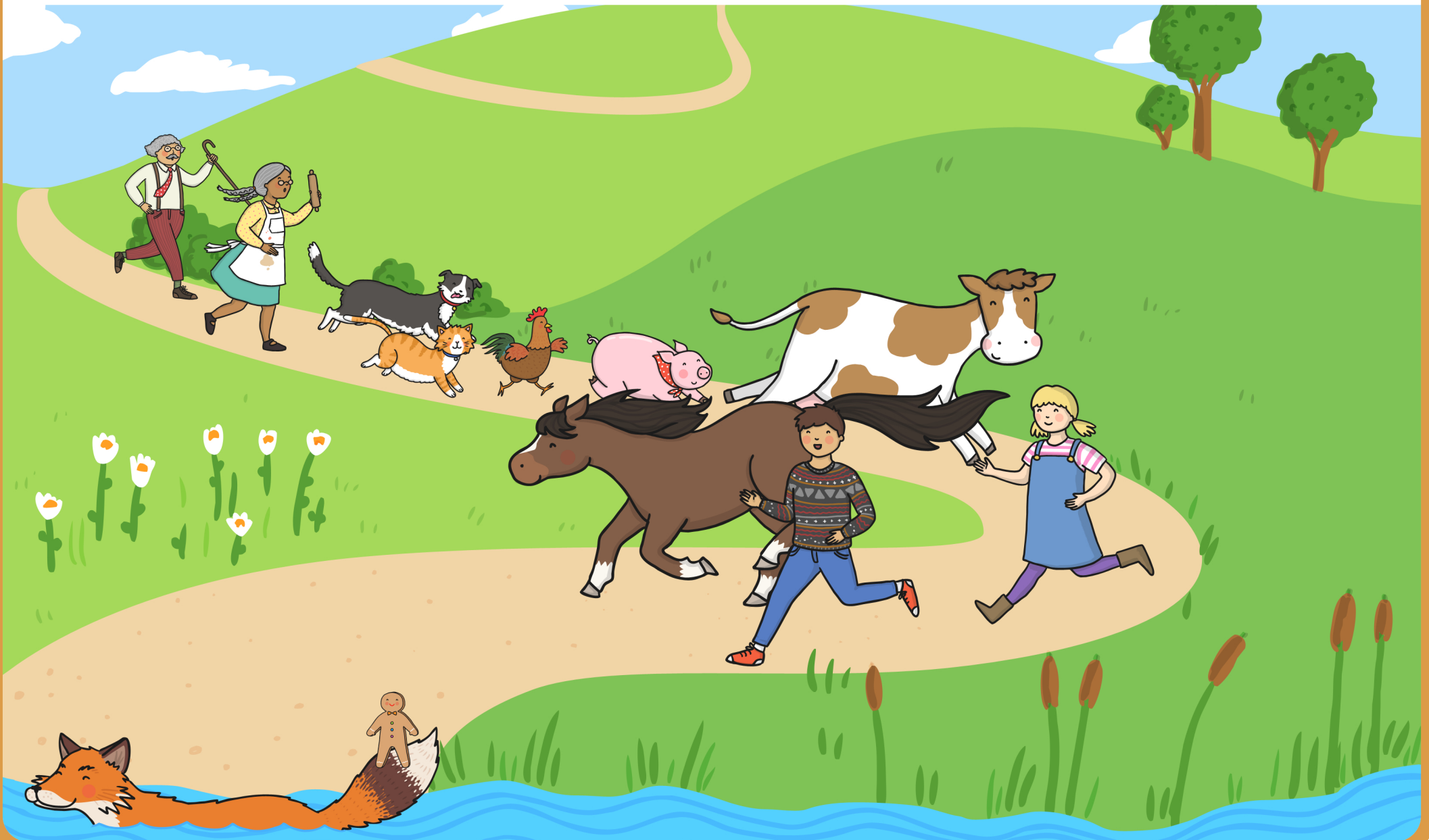
The gingerbread man ran on, until he came to a river. He stopped as he could not swim!



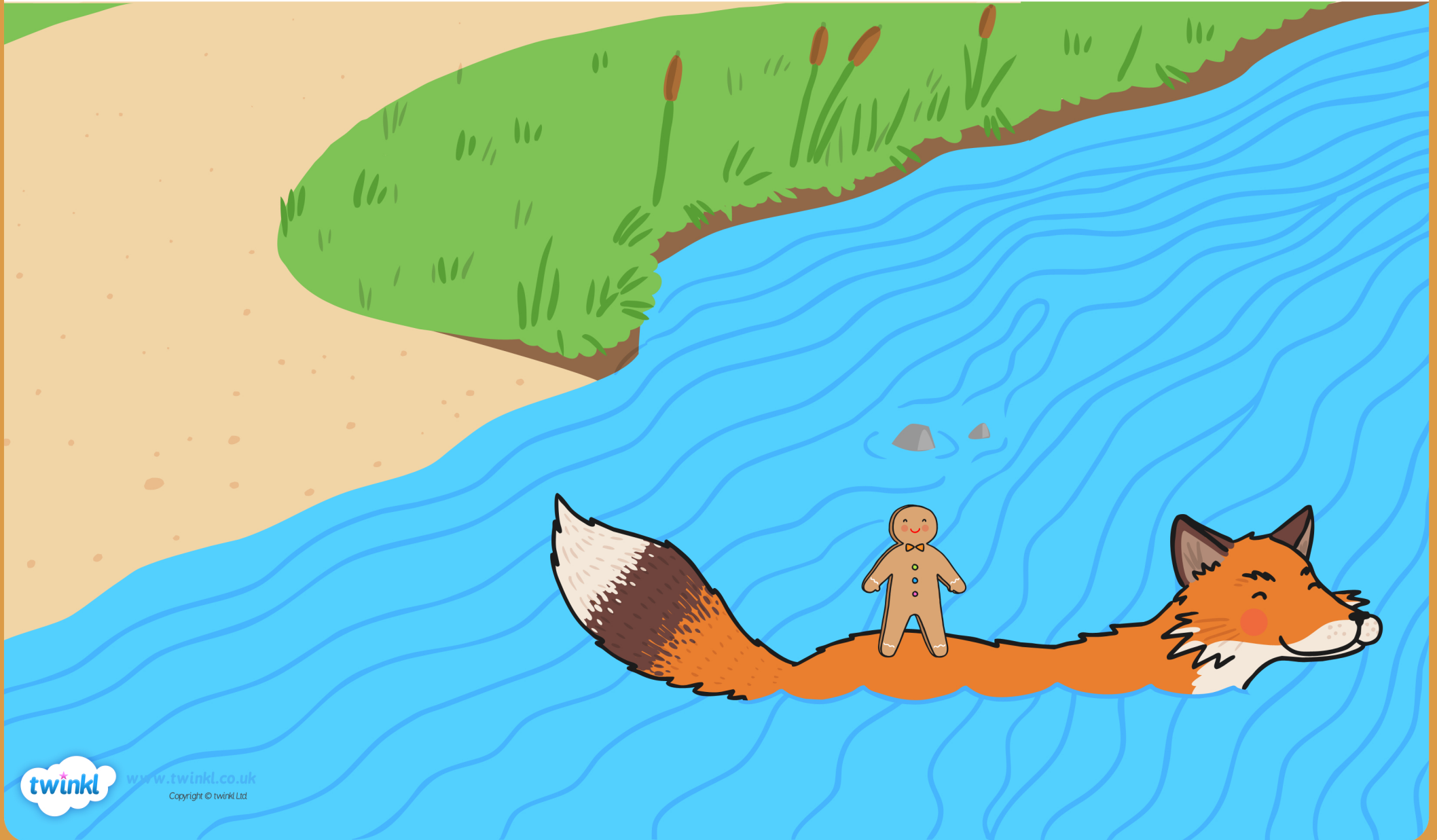
Just then a fox came by. "I can help you cross the river," said the fox. "Just hop onto my tail and I will swim across."



The gingerbread man saw the others coming. He knew that if he did not go with the fox he would be eaten, so he jumped onto his tail.



Soon the gingerbread man began to get wet. "Climb onto my back," said the fox, so the gingerbread man did.



The water was getting even deeper. This time the fox said, “Jump onto my nose so that you don’t get wet.” The gingerbread man climbed right onto the tip of his nose.



Just then the fox tipped back his head and the gingerbread man flew into the air. The fox opened his mouth and SNAP!  
That was the end of the gingerbread man.

