

Rainbow

Earlier that afternoon it had rained. As the clouds blew away, the Sun came out and a huge rainbow lingered for a long time. Swallows arrived over the garden and swooped.



Now, after their bath and a short TV session of cartoons, it was Storytime.

'Grampa, were those birds today called swallows?'

'Yes, Rory.'

'They live in South Africa', said Zac. 'So why are they here in Abingdon.'

'They go to South Africa in Winter and come here in Summer.'

'Why?' asked Rory.

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'They eat tiny insects that like our warm wet climate.'

'Our Nanna Pauline has been to South Africa', said Zac. 'More than once.'

'She has cousins there,' said Rory. 'And *we* have cousins in Scotland, don't we?'

'Yes,' said Zac, 'Ethan who is 12 and Drew who was 10 on Halloween. And they're brilliant at football.'

'I'm brilliant at football too,' said Rory. 'That's right, isn't it Grampa?'

'But I'm more brillianter than you at riding a bike,' said Zac.

'No Zac, just more brilliant, not more brillianter which is not a real word.'

'But I am 'just more brilliant' than Rory on a bike. Ammint I?'

'Well, you're older and Rory is nearly catching up with you.'

'I can do jumps and everything.'

'Yes, that's true.'

'I can do skids to now,' said Rory. 'And I'm four.'

'Grampa, what's inside a Rainbow?'

'Mmm. Zac, that's a hard question. I think it's caused by water vapour, tiny droplets leftover from the rain. Lets' ask my iPad, shall we?'

Here is what we found. Try following these two links:

Colours of the Rainbow: <https://youtu.be/yQZGc-VqRag>

Stay Curious with Doug: <https://youtu.be/Obl6jWuFjdW?t=371>

'Grampa. *Is* there a pot full of gold at the end of a Rainbow?', asked Zac.

'No, I don't think so.'

'Grampa, maybe it a box of Tunnock's Teacakes!' said Rory.

'Or Caramel wafers!' (Zac)

'Or Caramel Logs! (Rory)

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'Or Snowballs!' (Me)

'Okay guys, Storytime. How about the *Gruffalo's Child*?'

'Can we watch it on your iPad? *Please!*' (Unison)

Try this link to BBC iPlayer:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b018nrhm/the-gruffalos-child>