



THE LAST SNOWBALL



Rosie was sticking some photos in her special album where she kept her most treasured pictures, it was almost full!

The photos showed Rosie and her friends playing in the winter snow and having lots of fun.



Rosie stuck her special snowy pictures in her photo album.



But when Rosie looked out of the window, the snow had almost gone. Spring had come and there were just a few small piles of snow left in the garden.

"Come on," Rosie said to Raggles.
"Let's show everyone our snow photos."



Rosie wanted to show the snow photos to her friends.



On Oakley's Hill, Raggles and Oakley looked at Rosie's photos.


"I can't see Big Bear in these pictures," said Oakley.

"He was fast asleep," explained Raggles.
"We did try and wake him up!"

"Of course..." said Oakley. "Bears sleep all through the winter."



Oakley noticed that Big Bear was missing from the photos.



Rosie and Raggles took the photo album to the Playground to show Will and Holly. They were all so busy, they didn't see Big Bear walking towards them.



"Hello everyone! I'm back!"
Big Bear called.

"Big Bear, you've woken up!"
said Rosie smiling. Everyone
was happy to see him.



**Everyone was
happy to see Big Bear
after his long sleep.**

What have I missed?" asked Big Bear.

"Well, it snowed!" said Holly.

"Come and look at the pictures."

Big Bear looked through the photos and felt a bit sad.

"I've never had fun in the snow" sighed Big Bear. "I always sleep through it."



Big Bear felt sad, he had never seen snow before.

Rosie didn't want Big Bear to feel sad. "Then let's try and do some snowy things without the snow!" she giggled.

"How will we do that?" asked Raggles.

"Don't worry," said Rosie, "We'll think of something!"



Rosie wanted to show Big Bear how much fun snow could be.



Rosie gave Big Bear a woolly hat and scarf to wear.

Then they carried a sledge to Oakley's Hill. Big Bear couldn't wait to have a go but the sledge got stuck on the grass.

Will fixed some wheels to the sledge - now it was ready to go!



Big Bear tried out Will's sledge but he got stuck on Oakley's Hill.

But even with wheels, the sledge was still too heavy to move. Rosie, Will, Raggles and Holly tried pulling Big Bear but the sledge wouldn't budge!

"We're really sorry, Big Bear..." said Rosie.

"Don't worry, you've all done your best," said Big Bear. He took off his hat and scarf and walked away.

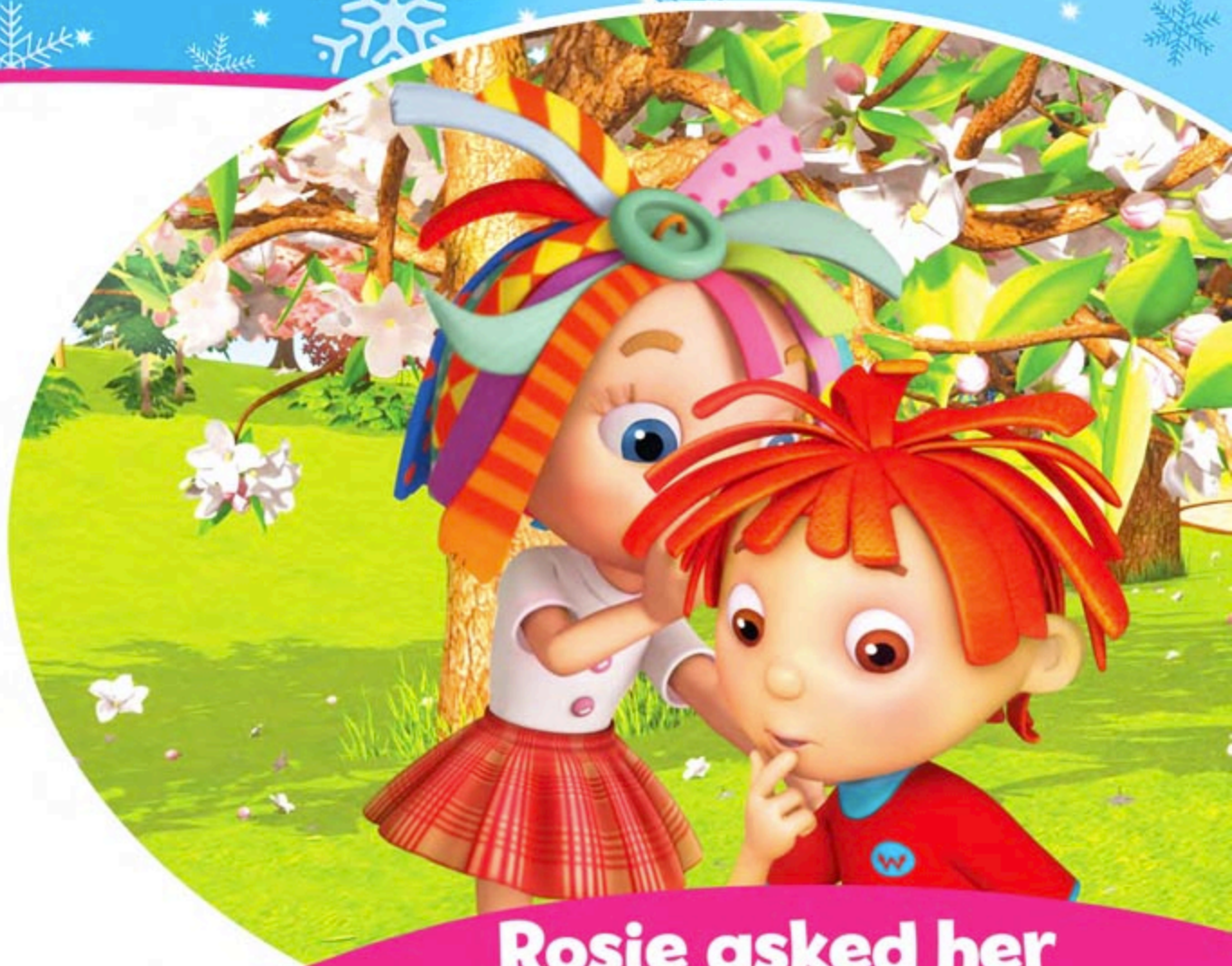


The friends tried pulling Big Bear but the sledge wouldn't move on the grass.



Rosie turned to her friends. "I've got an idea!" she smiled, as she whispered her plan to them. "Do you think you can bring Big Bear to the orchard?"

Everyone agreed and Rosie ran off towards Oakley's Hill. "Come on Raggles, no time to lose!" she called, as he hopped after her as fast as he could.



Rosie asked her friends to bring Big Bear to the Orchard.

Later, Will and Holly arrived at the orchard with Big Bear. The trees were full of beautiful white spring blossom. Big Bear had his eyes closed - he didn't want to spoil the surprise!

Rosie and Raggles arrived with his woolly hat. Bluebird flapped her wings in the tree above Big Bear and made the white petals come flying down.

"Time to open your eyes, Big Bear!" Rosie giggled.



Bluebird made the blossom from the trees fall just like real snow.



Big Bear couldn't believe it. Soft white blossom tumbled through the air, just like the real snow in Rosie's photos!

"Hold out your hands," Rosie told him. "I've got another surprise for you."

Big Bear gasped as a cold, hard lump of snow was dropped into his paws. "It's my very own snowball!" he said.

"It's the very last snowball of the year," said Will smiling.



**Rosie gave Big Bear
a special present -
THE LAST SNOWBALL!**

Big Bear tried to hug Rosie but tripped over the sledge. His snowball flew high up into the air and landed, SPLAT, right on Bluebird's head!

"Bullseye!" giggled Bluebird, laughing.

Rosie pulled out her camera and took a picture.



Big Bear tripped and the snowball landed on top of Bluebird's head.

Later that day, Rosie looked at the photo of her friends.

"This is the perfect picture to stick in my special album," she told Raggles. "And I'm really glad that Big Bear got to enjoy the last of the snow."



Rosie had one more photo to stick in her album of Big Bear enjoying the snow!