



Year Group: Year 1 and 2

Length: 25 mins

Starting Positions: Sit in your own space

Learning Intention:

To know about...

- Types of super hero / super villain powers and how they're created
- Tropes such as: sound effects, costumes, secret identities
- Solving a mystery: feeling outcast, investigating what happened, catching the bad guy

Synopsis:

- You're at home, Mum is upset that she can't find her phone and she's blaming your untidiness.
- You go to help Mum with the gardening, and the postman arrives with a gold necklace for her.
- It starts to rain and you accidentally swallow a worm and get struck by lightning at the same time.
- Mum realises the necklace is missing and she blames you. You storm off to find out what happened.
- Andy from next door has taken a girl's ball. You sense where it is and get there lightning fast and find it.
- You realise you have superpowers thanks to the lightning and worm, and go back home to tell Mum.
- A policeman is telling Mum there's a thief. You think it's Andy, but they won't listen about your powers.
- You go to confront Andy at his house but he says it wasn't him and apologises for being unkind.
- He makes you a costume and decides to help. You and Andy realise the postman must be the thief.
- You find the postman and get past his bubble force field but he uses laser powers to slice you in half.
- Your worm powers allow you to regenerate and your lightning powers make a tree fall on the postman.
- You find the stolen items under the earth and the police thank you and Andy for saving the day.

Characters

- **Mum** – someone we love; the reason we want to solve the mystery
- **Andy** – a red herring, who later becomes a sidekick and good friend
- **Little girl** – a transitional character who helps us discover who we are
- **Postman** – a super villain who uses his powers for evil
- **Police Officer** – a figure of authority who doesn't get on with or listen to superheroes

Locations:

- Home
- Garden
- Lake
- Andy's House
- Postman's cottage

Glossary:

- **Trowel** – a small handheld tool with a curved scoop for lifting plants or earth.
- **Anniversary** – the date on which a husband and wife were married in a previous year.

Discussion:

Story & Factual

- What does Mum lose right at the beginning of the story?
- Why does she think it's your fault that everything is going missing?
- How did you get your superpowers?
- What were the different superpowers you had? How are they related to worms / lightning?
- How did you help the girl find her lost ball?
- Why did you think Andy might be the thief early on in the story?
- What were the different parts of your superhero costume?

PSHE & Philosophical

- Why do you think Andy was being unkind to you at the beginning of the story?
- Was it the right thing to forgive Andy and take his help?
- Why do you think the postman decided to steal everyone's belongings? Why do people steal?
- Why do superheroes wear costumes?
- How could we have solved the mystery without superpowers?
- What would you do if you had the same powers as Lightning Worm?
- What if you could have any powers you wanted – what would they be? And what would you do?

Resources:

- **Literacy Resources** – 5 creative writing ideas
- **Photo Storyboard** – order the images from the story (or use them for other things – e.g. writing)
- **Quick Quiz** – re-cap key facts
- **Or try some recount, report or creative writing ideas of your own!**