Dixie and her mum are at the bank when a robber runs in and steals some money. Can Dixie’s magic animals help?

“Other children will love it when the magic happens!”

Amy
This book practises
Alternative Spellings*
tch (as in catch)
le (as in little)
wr (as in wrong)
ti (as in station)
kn (as in know)
mb (as in climbing)

* At this level, children will be learning new ways of spelling familiar sounds.

Words
oh
house
came
people
asked
put

Bug Notes

Have a go!

Sound thumbs
Ask your child to give thumbs up when they hear the ‘tch’ sound in these words:
door    rhino    caught
machine     money     more

given    watch    hatch

Skill builder

Look together at the first line of page 2 of the book. Have you ever been to a bank? What is it like? What happens there?

Your child may need help with these words:
door    rhino    caught
machine     money     more

Give your child time to sound out words when they read.

Top Tip

Sound thumbs
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Bug Time!

Can you spot the bag of money in this book?

Draw it!

Imagine your own pocket zoo. Which animals would you keep inside it and what super strengths would they have?

Bug Time! fun is on the back page!

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Bug Time!

The bag of money appears 5 times in the book on pages 3, 4, 5, 7 and 15.
Dixie was at the bank with Mum. Mum was getting money from the machine.
Suddenly a man ran in.
He was wearing a hat and he had a mean face.
“Hand me the money!” the man shouted. “Oh, no!” Dixie whispered. “A robber!” The bank lady put money into a bag.
The man took the bag and ran off.
Suddenly, the police were outside. “Stop!” they shouted.
The police officers ran after the robber. So did Mum and Dixie.
The robber went into an old house.
“The door is bolted!” Officer Dodds said. “We cannot get in!”
“We need more help,” said Mum.
Dixie took out her purse. Her little plastic animals were inside. She chose a rhino, a magpie and a snake.
Magic animals! Wake up! Be strong! Catch the robber! Stealing is wrong!

The animals grew and grew and grew ... until they came to life!
Rosie the rhino hit the door with her horn. It swung open!

Max the magpie flew into the house.

He flew back with the bag in his beak!
Then Dixie saw the robber climbing out of the kitchen window. He ran across the grass. Sam the snake quickly twisted around the robber’s legs!

The robber fell down.
Mum came back with lots of police officers. “Got you!” said Officer Dale. “You are coming to the station.”
“Who caught the robber?” Mum asked. “It was the animals!” the robber said. “What animals?” said Officer Dodds.
Rosie, Max and Sam were toys again! Dixie put them away, patted her pocket ... and grinned.