

Story by Johanna Lewis, age 8.

One afternoon, I was digging around in my garden and found a big old rusty treasure chest. Under the treasure chest there was 3 gold keys, the keys were all different, there were also lots of different key holes. I tried all three keys eagerly, the first two keys didn't fit, but the last one did. I was so excited. The rusty chest opened with a loud creak and inside I found a magical, glowing necklace. I put the necklace around my neck and all of a sudden I felt a big whoosh and a big brown magical door appeared in front of me. I found an old brown map in front of the door, I picked it up and had a look. It was a pirates map. I knocked on the big door to see if anyone answered, no one did. The door just opened with a loud bang. It really made me jump. I walked inside and I saw a large maze of big green trees, I looked at the old wrinkled map and it directed me right through the huge maze. I finally made it through the maze which took a very very long time. I was getting very tired. I then found another huge magical golden treasure chest, I opened it and inside I found the most cutest little puppy I had ever seen, it was white and brown and it had a matching magical necklace, I picked the little brown puppy up and both the necklaces touched and a giant spark went flying into the sky, what ever animal I thought of the puppy turned into it. I have always wanted to ride a pink unicorn with a rainbow tail, and with a poof of pink smoke it turned into a unicorn. We went riding over the hills, it was amazing. The wind was blowing my hair, I then thought of a turtle they are my favourite animal. I Had a big turtle, it's shell was as hard as rock. It was getting dark and I needed to get home, but how will I take this with me? I know I can think of a small animal, I thought of a hedgehog it could live in my garden. I made my way back through the maze, and found the big magical door and opened it and with a whooosh me and the magical hedgehog landed back in my garden. I quickly made a little burrow for him and kept him in my garden. No one ever knew about my magical pet. But when no one was looking I had every type of animal I thought of. I had to be very careful coz mum nearly spotted a giraffe in the garden, and dad said he heard a lion roar, but very secretly my unicorn would sometimes take me over the hills with the wind in my hair, I'm very happy I met my new friend I have named it sparkle after the first time we met.