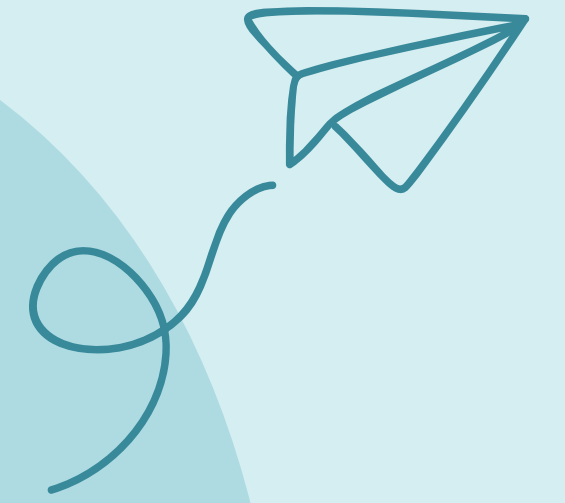


# Ellie the Climate Champion

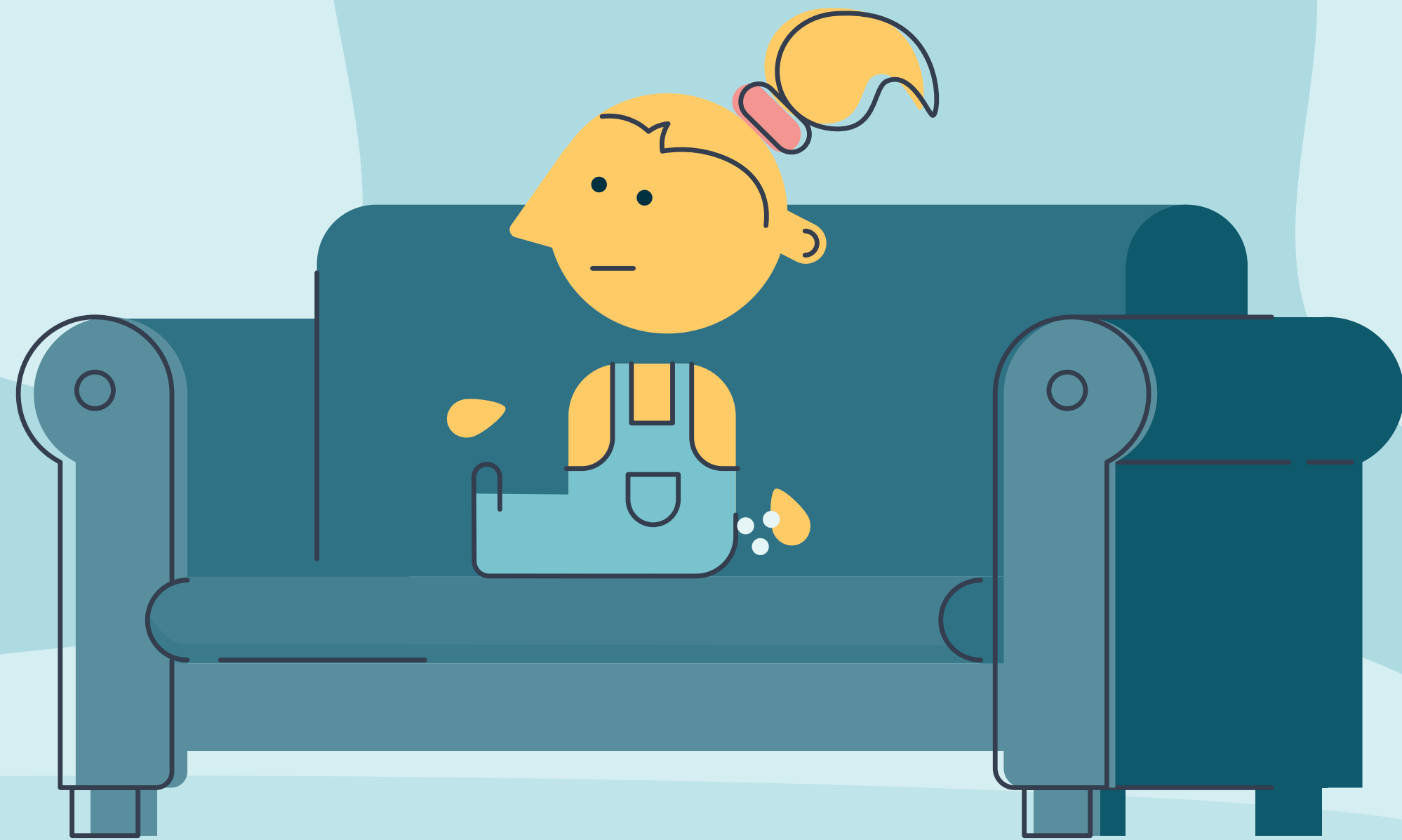
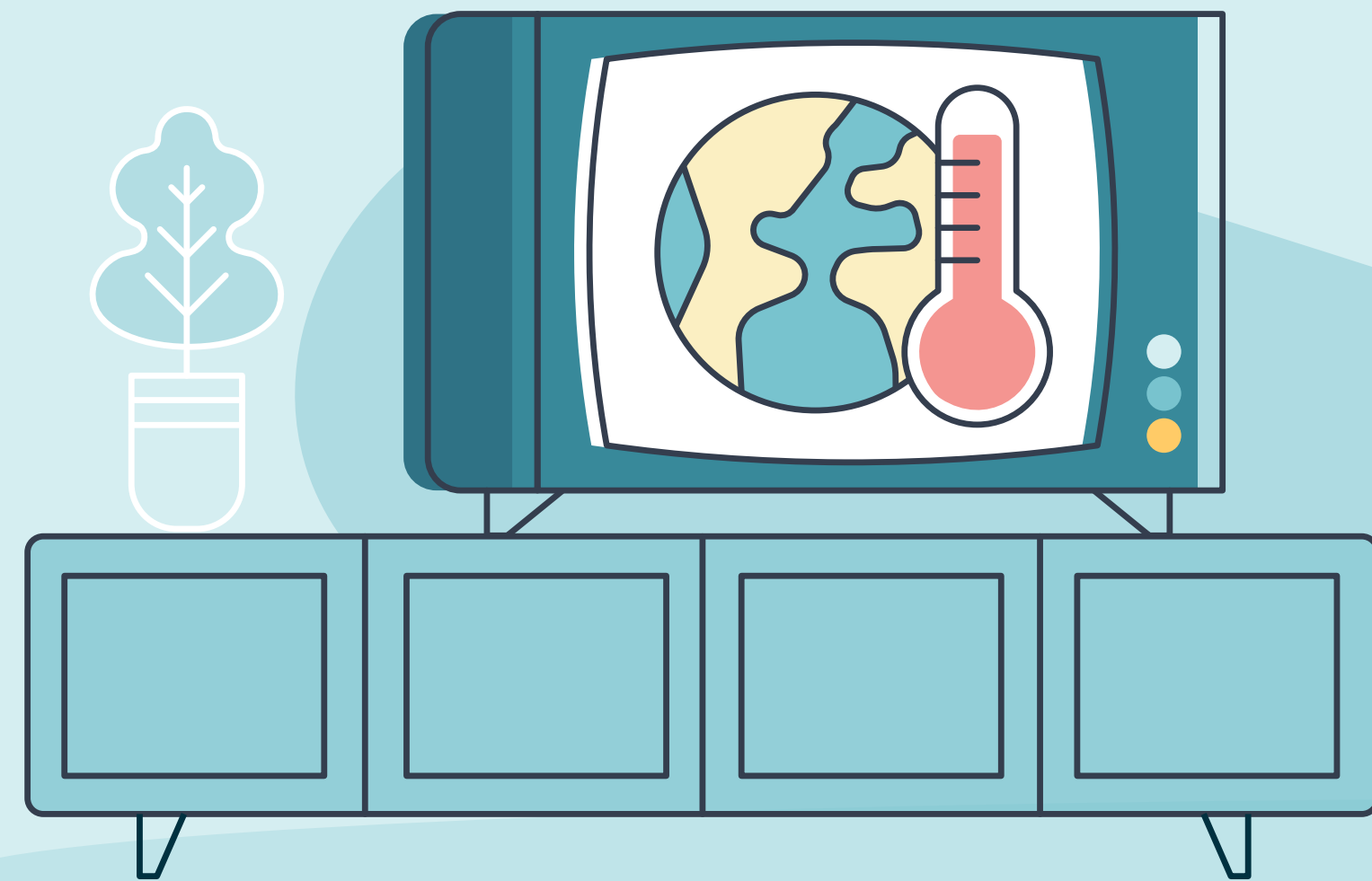
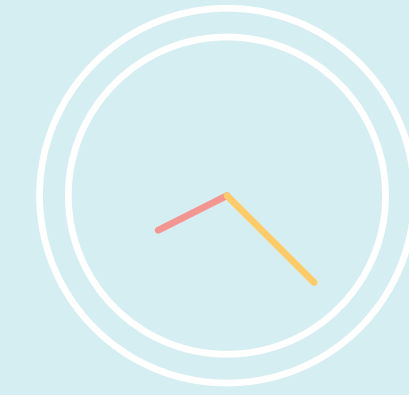
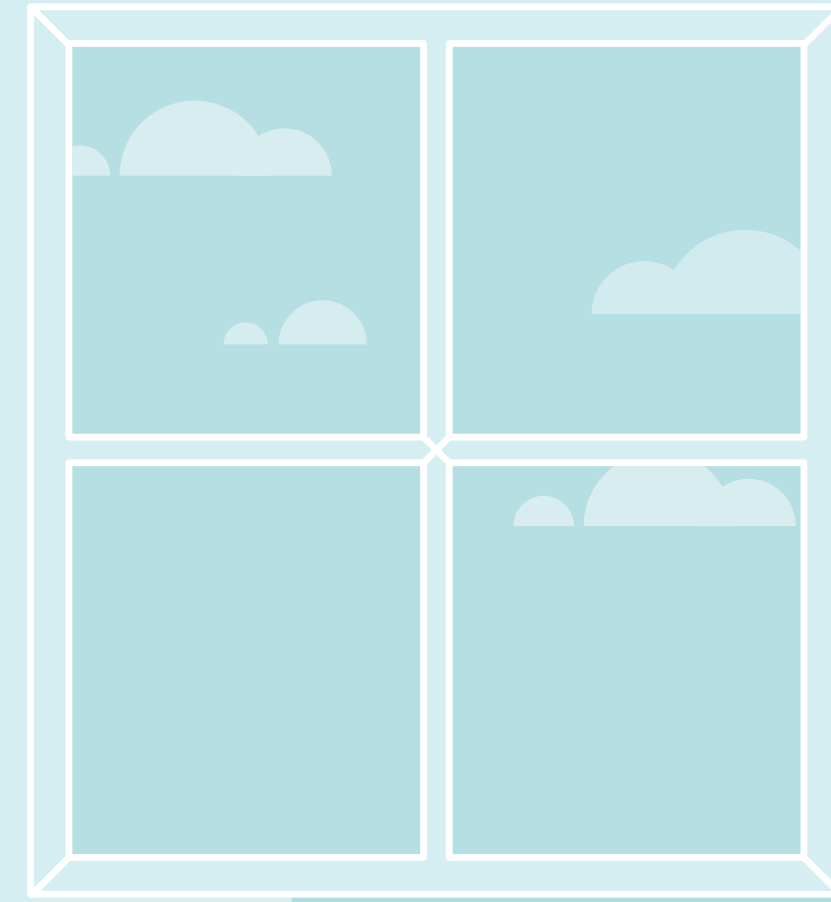


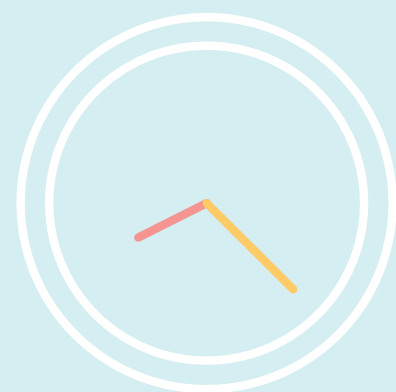


Ellie is normally happy but today she is a little sad.


Before bedtime she saw on the television that global warming is harming the planet.

It has made her think about how different the world will look when she is a grown-up.





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At school the next day, Ellie told her teacher, Mr Jones, what she had learned.

“Mr Jones, yesterday I learned that the climates are changing and that this is causing animals to lose their homes!” Ellie said, with a worried face.

“This made me really sad, and I think the animals are sad too!”



“You’re right, Ellie. As it happens, I had decided that our classroom should have a Climate Champion, so why don’t we start that today!” said Mr Jones.

“Our class Climate Champion can help check everyone is doing their bit to help us look after our planet!”

Ellie was really happy with this idea, and then, even better, before Ellie could ask any questions, she was given the school Climate Champion cape, like a superhero!



Being a Climate Champion meant Ellie had some extra tasks to do at school.

Her first job was to check the classrooms along her corridor at break time, to make sure the lights were turned off.



When turning off lights in the year 5 class, her friend Priya walked past, on her way to the playground.

“Ellie, why are you inside at break time?” asked Priya.

“I’m turning off lights when they are not needed so we can save electricity. It’s very important!” said Ellie.

“Electricity adds harmful gases to the Earth and this causes global warming, so electricity shouldn’t be wasted.”

“Oh!” said Priya “Maybe that’s why my Mum always asks me to turn the lights off!”



Ellie went into the year 6 classroom next. Inside she noticed the white board was still on too.


She didn't know how to turn it off but knew that it was using electricity.

Luckily, Miss Murray walked past.

“Ellie, are you busy checking the classrooms for us?” Miss Murray asked.







“Yes, and all the lights are off, but the board is still on in here, look.” Ellie pointed to the whiteboard.

“I can see from your cape you’re the school’s first Climate Champion. You are doing a great job Ellie.”

This made Ellie very happy – she loved being a superhero and helping to save the planet.





After break time it was time for class, and today they were learning how to make 3D shapes using paper.

This meant that the class was doing a lot of cutting and sticking, and so there was a lot of paper for the rubbish bin.

“Ellie, as our Climate Champion, please can you make sure everyone is putting their waste paper into the recycling bin?” asked Mr Jones.

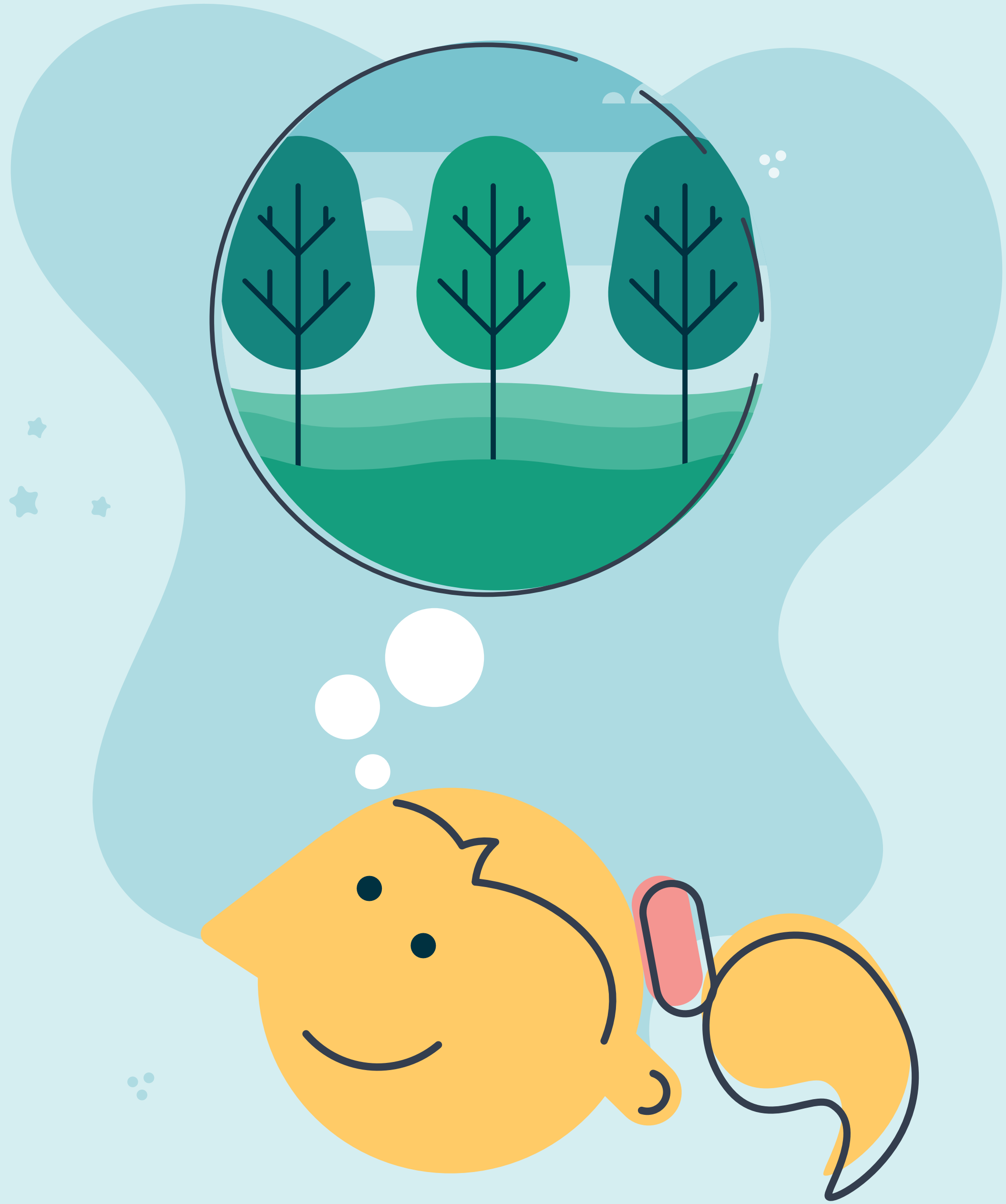




“Of course, Mr Jones!” said Ellie.

James put his hand up. “But what does recycle mean? And why will this help to save the planet?” asked James.





“Well, the paper waste that we recycle will get turned into more paper.” said Mr Jones.

“Usually, paper is made from cutting down trees, but we need to protect our forests! Trees take in the same gas that is making the Earth hotter. So, we must look after all the trees around the world.”

“Time to protect our trees” said Ellie as she got up to check everyone’s paper rubbish was going to recycling.



When the bell rang at the end of the day, Ellie gave Mr Jones the Climate Champion cape back and found her Mum waiting for her outside the school gates to go home.

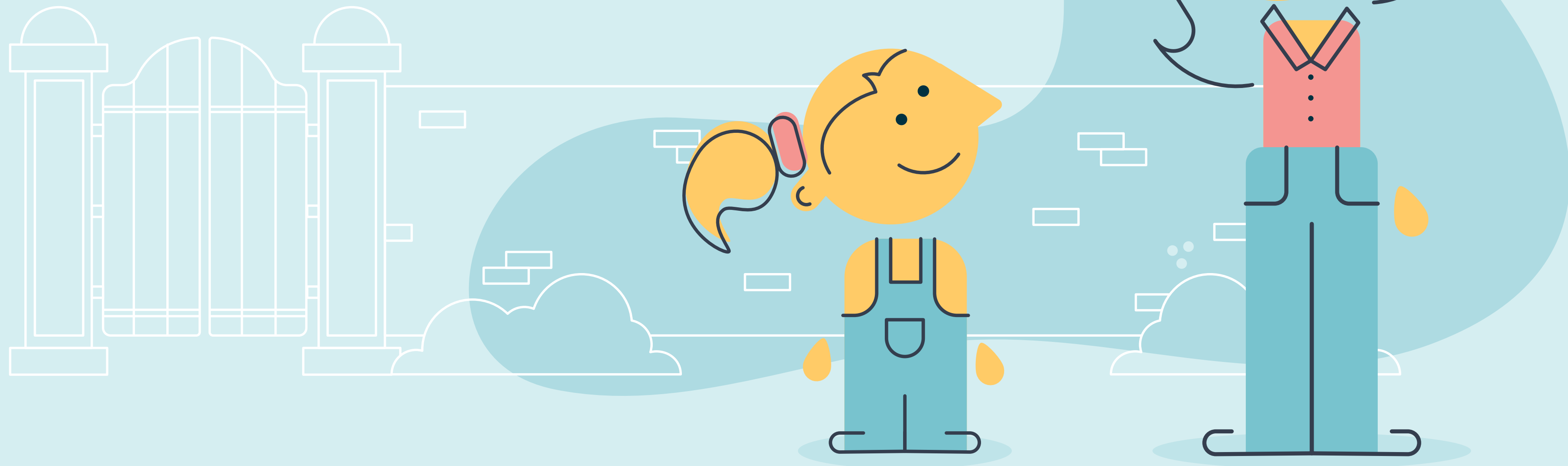
Ellie had a big smile on her face.


“Ellie, you seem happy today!” said Ellie’s Mum.

“Have you had a good day?”

“Yes! I was the Climate Champion and helped to save the planet!” said Ellie.

“Wow, it sounds like you’ve been very busy indeed! You can be our Climate Champion at home too.” said Ellie’s Mum.





“That would make me very happy! Thanks Mum!” said Ellie, as they walked to the car.

Then Ellie remembered seeing on the television last night that cars also add greenhouse gases to the Earth’s atmosphere.

“Mum, we should walk to school tomorrow instead. If I’m a Climate Champion, I need to do everything I can to help protect the planet.” said Ellie.

“Very good idea Ellie!” said Ellie’s Mum. “This will help us to stay fit and healthy too!”





When Ellie was at home and tucked up in bed that night, she felt happy that she was a superhero at school, and was looking forward to taking more climate action at home with her teddy, Mags, the next day.

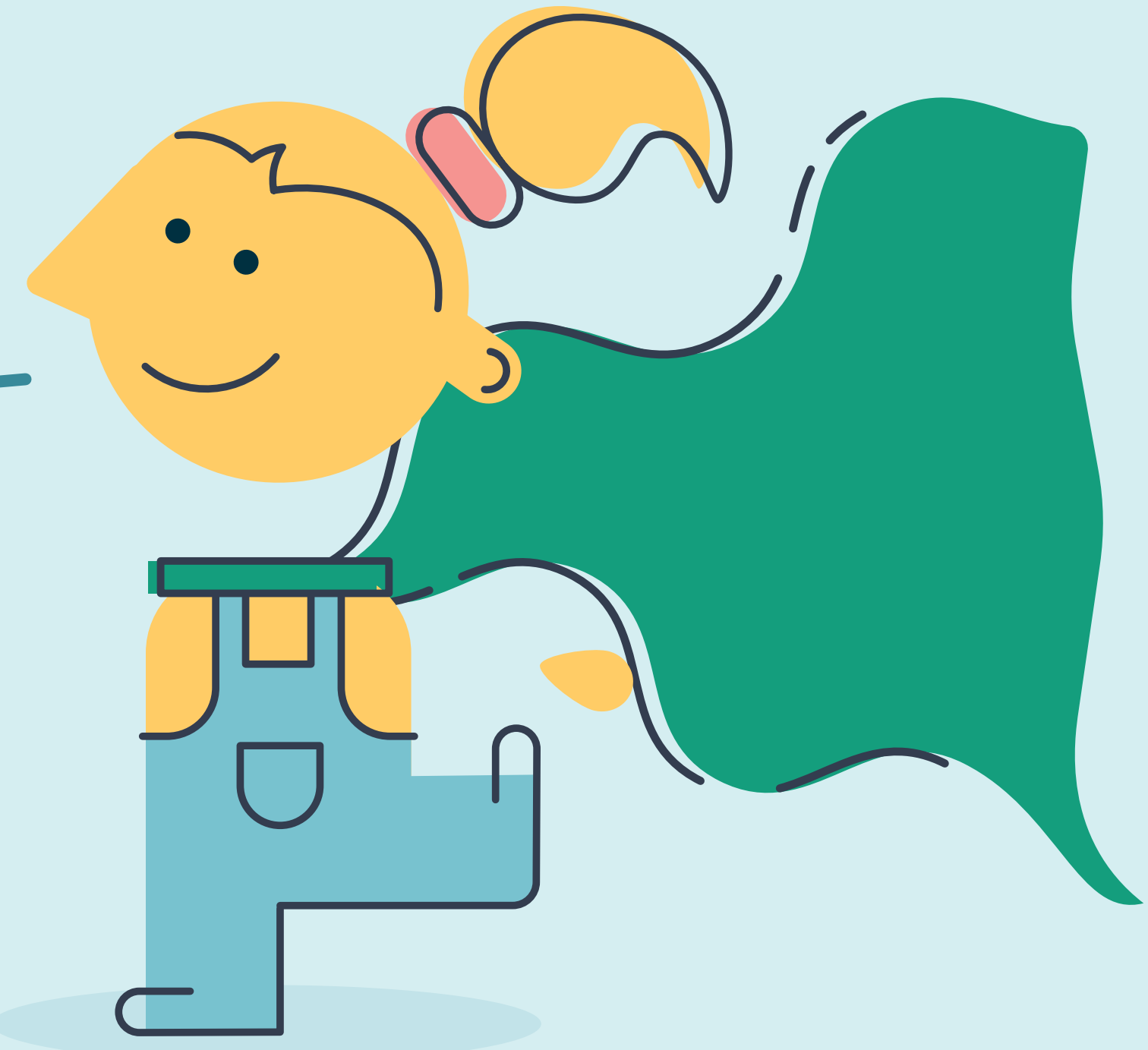
Thinking happy thoughts about the planet, Ellie fell fast asleep.



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