Ikky Sticky

Discussion questions to encourage critical thinking.



These questions and any others you can think of can be discussed after reading the story together. Don't ask them all at once.

The experience of reading is supposed to be enjoyable and not an inquisition.

Many questions can be asked as you are reading the story- do you think the kids should have thrown licorice allsorts at Ikky? Before you turn to a new page ask, what do you think will happen next?

The answers I have provided are a guide only and I have not addressed all issues otherwise we could have a new novel on our hands.

Your child may think up some amazing responses, reasons and opinions. Encourage unusual, creative or original ideas.

"Hugs can cure almost everything," said the wizard.

Why do you think hugs are so important?

It's like giving someone a special cuddle when things are going wrong, or you are upset. A hug shows that someone really cares.

The old ladies in house number three invited Ikky in for a cup of tea.

No one seemed afraid of Ikky. Why do you think this was so?

He didn't look scary – just a cuddly green shape with only two sharp teeth, no sharp claws or lashing tail.

Apart from Ikky which of the monsters did you like the most? Do you think any of them look very scary? Which ones.

Do you think children should be given lots of sweets on Halloween night? Why?

Maybe the answer will most likely be yes because they put a big effort in to dressing up. Would hardly be worth the effort if given bananas or carrots. It's only one night out of the entire year. Maybe don't eat them all at once – hyper, hyper!!

What did you think of the manners of the grumpy old man and the angry young man?

How would you have answered the door?

They were very rude and aggressive – surely, they could have been friendlier.

Why do you think the monsters were afraid to be turned into bunnies?

Well, they were supposed to be scary monsters. The thought of being something cuddly was just impossible to imagine. Shock, horror!

Which illustration did you like the most – why?

Creative activities & Imagination Boosters

Think up some more weird and disgusting meals and treats for the monster's café.

Draw your own monster – use the drawing guide.

Perhaps write your own story about your monster.

He loses his scary voice and has to find it.

Your monster makes a surprise visit to your school.

Will your parents allow your monster to stay in the house or he invites all his monster friends to stay.

Make up your own monster dance. Select your own music. It doesn't have to be rock n roll music like the monsters.



The monsters were still enjoying their rock and roll dance under the light of the silvery moon. Eddie and the Squeeler Sisters were belting out the tunes.

Draw Ikky

