

## Year 3- Inventors and Explorers

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

### George's Marvellous Medicine Extract Continued

George went into the kitchen and made Grandma a cup of tea with a teabag. He put one spoon of sugar in it and no milk. He stirred the sugar well and carried the cup into the living room.

Grandma sipped the tea. 'It's not sweet enough,' she said. 'Put more sugar in'. George took the cup back to the kitchen and added another spoonful of sugar. He stirred it again and carried it carefully into Grandma.

'Where's the saucer?' she said. 'I won't have a cup without a saucer.'

George fetched her a saucer.

'And what about a teaspoon, if you please?' 'I've stirred it for you, Grandma. I stirred it well.'

'I'll stir my own tea, thank you very much,' she said. 'Fetch me a teaspoon.'

George fetched her a teaspoon.

When George's mother or father were home, Grandma never ordered George about like this. It was only when she had him on her own that she began treating him badly.

'You know what's the matter with you?' the old woman said, staring at George over the rim of the teacup with those bright wicked little eyes. 'You're growing too fast. Boys who grow too fast become stupid and lazy.'

'But I can't help it if I am growing fast, Grandma,' George said.

'Of course, you can,' she snapped. 'Growing's a nasty childish habit.'

'But we have to grow, Grandma. If we didn't grow, we'd never be grown-ups.'

'Rubbish, boy, rubbish,' she said. 'Look at me. Am I growing? Certainly not.'

'But you did once, Grandma.'

'Only very little,' the old woman answered. 'I gave up growing when I was extremely small, along with all the other nasty childish habits like laziness and disobedience and greed and sloppiness and untidiness and stupidity. You haven't given up on any of these things, have you?'

'I'm still only a little boy, Grandma.'

'You're eight years old,' she snorted. 'That's old enough to know better. If you don't stop growing soon, it'll be too late.'

'Too late for what, Grandma?'

'It's ridiculous,' she went on. 'You're nearly as tall as me already.'

George took a good look at Grandma. She certainly was a very tiny person. Her legs were so short she had to have a footstool to put her feet on, and her head only came halfway up the back of the armchair.

'Daddy says it's fine for a man to be tall,' George said.

'Don't listen to your daddy,' Grandma said. 'Listen to me.'

'But how do I stop myself growing?' George asked her.

'Eat less chocolate.' Grandma said.

'Does chocolate make you grow?'

'It makes you grow the *wrong way*,' she snapped. 'Up instead of down.'

Grandma sipped some tea but never took her eyes from the little boy who stood before her. 'Never grow up,' she said. 'Always down.'

'Yes, Grandma.'

'And stop eating chocolate. Eat cabbage instead.'

'Cabbage! Oh no, I don't like cabbage,' George said.

'It's not what you like or what you don't like,' Grandma snapped. 'It's what's good for you that counts. From now on, you must eat cabbage three times a day. Mountains of cabbage! And if it's got caterpillars in it, so much the better!'

'Owch,' George said.

'Caterpillars give you brains,' the old woman said.

**Reading Mission**  
30 mins

Children to read or be supported to read the extract from 'George's Marvellous Medicine'.

**After, they can answer these questions. These can be verbal answers or they could be written down or typed. Suggested answers are below.**

1. What were the problems with the cup of tea that George made for Grandma?
2. How old is George?
3. Why do you think Grandma treats George differently when his mother or father are home?
4. What do you think Grandma was like as a child?
5. Why does Grandma say that George should eat less chocolate?
6. What should George eat instead of chocolate and how often?
7. Why does the author use the phrase 'mountains of cabbage'?

### Answers

1. The tea wasn't sweet enough and George didn't bring a saucer or a teaspoon.
2. 8 years old.
3. She treats him better when they are home because they would not be happy with how unkind she is to him.
4. Accept any appropriate description of Grandma. Her character may have changed since she was young, or she may have been a grumpy and serious child.
5. George should eat less chocolate because Grandma says it makes you grow, and she doesn't like growing. She thinks it is a 'nasty childish habit'.
6. Grandma tells George to eat cabbage instead of chocolate and wants him to eat it 3 times a day.
7. The author uses the phrase 'mountains of cabbage' because Grandma wants him to eat a lot of cabbage. It helps the reader to imagine a large pile of cabbage on a plate that looks like the shape of a mountain.

### Writing Mission 30 mins

You may have already started to think about this as it is on the topic mission list.

For your writing mission today we would like you to invent a new gadget or machine to help make life easier in some way. As we are all spending so much time at home at the moment you might want to invent a new way to communicate with friends/family or a new toy to keep you entertained at home.

Draw your invention and label the different parts. You may want to complete the topic mission of making a model of your invention or creating an advert to help it sell.

You will need this for tomorrow's mission.

### Maths Mission 30 mins

Starter- Practise counting in 8s and 9s.

For the next 3 days we are going to be using the bus stop method to divide. It is a quicker way of dividing and is great when dividing larger numbers.

#### How to do bus stop method

Start by thinking about how many 2s there are in 4. 2, so above we write 2.

Now we see how many times 2 goes into 8. 4 times so we write this about the 8.

$$48 \div 2 = 24$$

	2	4
2	—	
	4	8
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Here is another example.

How many times does 2 go into 7? 3 and this leaves a remainder of 1. So we move this remainder over next to the next number, in this case 6.

Now, how many times does 2 go into 16? 8 so write 8 above 16. We now have the answer of 38.

$$76 \div 2 = 38$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 38 \\ 2 \overline{) 76} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{0} \\ 16 \\ \underline{16} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Here are some questions for you to practise using the bus stop method.

1.  $69 \div 3 =$

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2.  $88 \div 4 =$

2.  $90 \div 6 =$

3.  $90 \div 5 =$

3.  $96 \div 8 =$

4.  $76 \div 4 =$

4.  $96 \div 6 =$

5.  $72 \div 3 =$

5.  $88 \div 8 =$

6.  $70 \div 5 =$

7.  $24 \div 2 =$

8.  $56 \div 4 =$

9.  $36 \div 3 =$

10.  $65 \div 5 =$

**Answers**

1	<b>23</b>
2	<b>22</b>
3	<b>18</b>
4	<b>19</b>
5	<b>24</b>
6	<b>14</b>
7	<b>12</b>
8	<b>14</b>
9	<b>12</b>
10	<b>13</b>
11	<b>24</b>
12	<b>15</b>
13	<b>12</b>
14	<b>16</b>
15	<b>11</b>

Topic Mission  
Ideas for the week.  
Choose activities  
based on what  
interests you.

Continued from Monday.