STAGE 9

The Big Little Dinosaur

Reading comprehension
1 Because the cove was called ‘Pirate’s Cove.
2 to show that the warmth or light from the sun caused the dinosaur to wake up.
3 proud
4 nervous
5 It started to shiver.
6 vegetarian, not a meat-eater.
7 (answers may vary) The dinosaur is a vegetarian; won’t eat them; won’t hurt them; is friendly.
8 (Answers may vary) He wants you to feel uncertain about what may happen next. He wants you to think the dinosaur will eat them.
8a (Answers are subjective)

Captain Comet and the Purple Planet

Reading comprehension
1 He pressed the red button.
2 very quickly
3 He wants to name the planet after himself.
4 proudly
5 wailed. His feelings have changed from pride to fear.
6 wailed, cried. He feels very frightened.
7 Spanner grumbles because he is disappointed that he didn’t find a new planet.
   (Answers may include: disappointed, cross, or foolish.)
8 Answers will vary

Messy Ella

Reading comprehension
1 as sweet smelling as flowers
2 answers will vary
3 answers will vary, e.g. They had a plan to get Messy Ella dirty again so she couldn’t go to the party.
4 No
5 sniggered
6 They challenge her to do things that would get her dirty.
7 Same: Fairy Godmother granted the wish. Fairy Godmother used magic to dress Messy Ella. Different: Messy Ella’s clothes are jeans and T-shirt, not a ball gown. The transport to the party is roller blades, not a carriage.
8 modern setting is shown by Messy Ella’s clothes.
9 They are games Messy Ella is good at.
10 Answers will vary
**Noisy Neighbours**

Reading comprehension

1. three houses next door to each other. (Answers may vary)
2. Mr Flinch, Carl Clutch, Poppy Plink
3. mean, miserable, miser
4. Mr Flinch hates noise, Carl and Poppy enjoy noise.
5. Poppy: Makes even more noise composing Angel music Carl: Makes breakfast for passing traffic bringing even more noise
6. Asking them nicely. (Answers may vary)
7. Answers may vary
8. Answers may vary

**Robo-Vac**

Reading comprehension
(Answers will vary)

1. She was old and didn’t like or trust new modern ideas/inventions.
2. She was frightened or confused by it.
3. He felt sorry for it.
4. He didn’t really want the robot but still felt sorry for it.
5. He didn’t want to be cruel.
6. She wanted to make the robot happy.
7. The robot was too tidy, but the children didn’t want to hurt its feelings.
8. The robot fell in love and was happy.

**The Spooks**

Reading comprehension

1. Tottering Towers
2. that it might fall down
3. She shouts Boo. Examples: p5, p18, p27
4. Answers will vary
5. They all liked to make a lot of noise. Norma and Lisa liked to moan. The two pets liked to hunt.
6. The Spooks were noisy at night, and the Normals were noisy by day so no one could sleep.
7. The mayor wanted to knock the house down.
8. Answers will vary
9. Answers will vary
STAGE 10

Jungle Shorts

Reading comprehension
1. standing in a line with the rest of his class at school
2. on the other side of the playground
3. They play in the street.
4. at the market
5. to the changing room
6. Lyon Street
7. They don’t live so close to the market./They shop at different places.
8. a shed wall

Mr Stofflees and the Painted Tiger

Reading comprehension
1. A blue van arrived./Mr Stofflees moved in.
2. a large white square
3. The black paint would have mixed with the white and spoilt the picture.
4. put in the colour
5. upstairs
6. move out of the way
7. It rolled on the flower bed.
8. at the top of the stairs on the second floor

The Boss Dog of Blossom Street

N/A

The Masked Cleaning Ladies of Om

Reading comprehension
1. Their names are printed in bold type.
2. There is often an instruction in italics.
3. Jane’s toys and books
4. Jane, Queen Norah and King Harry
5. printed in italics and placed on the right-hand side of the page
6. Mary

The Squink

N/A
The Masked Cleaning Ladies Save the Day

Reading comprehension

1. These are the words she is singing.
2. King Harry
3. Princess Jane
4. ‘Sorry,’/‘I missed my kick.’
5. ‘See what I mean?’
6. ‘That must be Mr Goal,’
7. ‘What did he want?’
8. ‘Green!’

STAGE 11

Amy the Hedgehog Girl

N/A

Bertha’s Secret Battle

Reading comprehension

1. She cheats by throwing Fiona before the match starts.
2. She wants people to like her.
3. She wants to be the one everybody likes.
4a. strokes a kitten
4b. frightening a kitten
5. good, bad
6. They have the initial of their first name tattooed on their arms.

Bertie Wiggins’ Amazing Ears

Reading comprehension

1. looking like Prince Cecil
2. He’s not very good at sums.
3. he looks like the prince
4. he can wiggle his ears.
5. 8, 6, 5, 2, 1, 3, 4, 7

Coming Clean

N/A
Flans Across the River

N/A

Hard to Please

Reading comprehension

1 daydream
2 looks at his watch
3 shakes his head
4 sing
5 It’s following instructions.
6 They have gained a sense of humour.