



TITLE: Mister Majeika

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INTEREST AGE 7-10 Years

BOOKBAND: Brown

OUR REVIEW: Has remained a popular series over the years.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

Chapter 1 – The carpet-bicycle

- What made Melanie cry on two occasions?
- Why did Mr Potter begin the new term very cross?
- Why did Mr Majeika's arrival make the whole class stop and stare?
- Why was Mr Majeika late for his new job?
- Why did Mr Potter turn white?
- How would you feel if you saw a new teacher arriving on a magic carpet?
- Find words to describe Hamish, Mr Potter, Melanie and Mr Majeika.

Chapter 2 – Chips for everyone

- Did Hamish Bigmore believe Mr Majeika had arrived on a flying carpet?
- What did he think had happened?
- Why were Pete and Thomas gloomy when Wim dropped his egg and bacon flan?
- What did Mr Majeika do to help Wim?
- Do you think Mr Majeika was a caring teacher? Say why?
- Why was Mr Potter angry when he saw the plate of chips?
- Write other ways of saying – *he said*

Chapter 3 – Hamish goes swimming

- Find words in this chapter to describe how Mr Majeika felt?
- Find words to describe how the children felt?
- Who looked after Hamish while his mum and dad were away?
- Make a list of all the naughty things Hamish did.
- What happened to Hamish Bigmore in this chapter?
Do you think he got what he deserved?
Say why.

Chapter 4 – The Frog's Princess

- Think of words to describe how Thomas and Pete felt when they left school.
- What reason did they give to explain Hamish's absence?
- What word on page 38 tells you that Class 3 was not happy?
- Look through the story again – write a word to describe how each of the following characters is feeling.
Thomas Pandora
The mums Mr Potter
Mr Majeika Jody
- What was Jody's plan to free Hamish?

Chapter 5 – The disappearing bottle

Do you think Mr Majeika had really forgotten to bring the flying potion?
Why do you think he wasn't too keen using it with class 3?
What changed Mr Majeika's mind?
Who do you think had taken the bottle?
How long did it take for the potion to wear off?
Describe how Mr Majeika was feeling by the end of the day?
Why did everyone think that Hamish took the bottle?

Chapter 6 – Mr Potter goes to Spain

- Who was in charge of the school dinners that day?
- What strange things did Hamish say to Mr Majeika? – Make a list.
- Why did Mr Potter want to take Class 3 on this particular day?
Why was Hamish worried when Mr Potter drank the cup of tea he had made for Mr Majeika?
Make a list of words used to describe how Hamish is feeling.
- What lesson was Mr Potter teaching to Class 3?

Chapter 7 – Dental problems

Why was it important that everyone brushed their teeth?
What made Melanie cry?
How did Mr Majeika punish Hamish for being nasty to Melanie?
List the adjectives used to describe Hamish's teeth.
How did Mr Majeika say the spell would wear off?
Why did Thomas think the dentist was treating them like babies? What phrases did she use? Use the book to help you.
Do you think Hamish will be able to work the spell off? Say why.

Chapter 8 – Hamish the Good

Why did the other children believe it was impossible for Hamish to become good?
How did Mr Majeika convince the children that the spell would wear off?
How did Hamish react to the news?
How had Hamish changed the very next day?
Make a list of all the things that were different to how he usually behaved?

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