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GRANNY MAGIC

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CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER RESOURCES

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Chapter	Comprehension Questions	Writing Opportunities	Cross Curricular Opportunities
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does the opening get our attention? Choose the 3 most exciting things Gran has knitted. 'With its arms spread wide it looked as though it wanted to hug him'. Why would this help Will choose? What do you think the new factory will make? 	Write an advert for the new factory based on your predictions.	<p>DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY • Re-search how a woollen mill works.</p> <p>SCIENCE • How does water create electricity? Create a diagram with labels.</p>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why have people been bringing the family food? What do the knitting club want with the half-finished projects and patterns? Look at the description of Mr Fitchet. Pick out three details which tell you about his personality. Does Will like Mr Fitchet? 	Create a Wanted poster for Mr Fitchet.	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY • Bake one of the products the knitting club dropped off.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why did Mr Fitchet take the knitted dog? Why was Will the first to discover the magic knitting? Which of the magical objects Will found would you most like? 	Write instructions explaining how to knit.	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY • Learn to knit!
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are you surprised Mr Fitchet is in the charity shop? What is he planning? Is Will's idea a clever one? Would you have accepted the offer of £10 for the mittens? 	Rewrite the chapter from Mr Fitchet's point of view.	



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5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you agree that grown-ups can't handle magic? Would you rather have the rabbit or the lion? Explain your answer. What made Will's mum cry? 		DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY • Design your own magical knitted item.
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is creeping into Will's room? What would you do in his position? Who do the ferrets belong to? Why have they sneaked into his room? How is Will feeling at the end of the chapter? 	Write a diary entry as Mr Fitchet.	SCIENCE • Create a fact file about ferrets.
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did Purple Glasses know to be there to help Will? Why are they not safe to talk in the open? Does Will want to go to the knitting shop? 	Create a letter from Will to his gran – what would he tell her if she could read it now?	MISC • Create Top Trumps cards for the Gang of Grannies.
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Was Holly expecting Will to arrive? What three ways can you make magic knitting? Which granny do you think is the leader? Would you confront Mr Fitchet or wait and see what happens? Explain why! 		ART • Explore various shades of blue. Use different mediums to find different colours. MISC • A knitting knot is a group of knitters. Research unusual names for groups of different animals!



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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does Will's mum believe Will's dad's socks are magic? How do you know this? Choose a verb which helps you know what each family member's personality must be like. Is it cheating for Will to use the socks to win? 	Write a balanced argument as to whether Will cheated in the race or not.	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY • Design your own fairground game, then play it with your class.
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why is it important to clear your mind as you knit? How was Will being taught? Did Will's gran want him to knit a Harkening Jumper? 	Write a prediction – what will happen next?	ART • Create artwork based on the rhyme the grannies tell Will. MISC • Research the different sayings the grannies tell Will. Can you find any others? What are the background stories to using them?
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are people acting so strangely? What change is Will most concerned by? 		D&T, SCIENCE • What grows in an allotment? Create a school allotment.
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is Cronk a nice cat? Why did Holly design her own pattern? What do you think the skipping rope will do? Why did Gertie not teach the grannies all her patterns? Why are they scared of new patterns? 	Write a skipping rhyme.	



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13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does 'rogue' mean? Explain what you think the email means. How can Will act on it? 	Write a holiday brochure for the Isle of Man.	<p>GEOGRAPHY • Find the Isle of Man on a map.</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY • Create your own labelled map of the Isle of Man.</p>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which granny realizes last that they need to visit the Isle of Man? Why was Gertie taking Will and Sophie with her to collect wool? 	Pick out the technical vocabulary for wool and knitting and create a glossary.	
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are things 'not right' with Dad? Why shouldn't Will and Sophie have a new jumper? List 3 things which are different about Mum. Should Will be worried? 	Write a newspaper report about the strange happenings in Knittington.	
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How does Will know they should avoid the new shop? Why is the shop so full? Is £100 a bargain for the jumper? Why? Should Sophie have told Mr Fitchet where they were going to go on holiday? 	Write a persuasive script to create your own TV advert.	<p>DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY • Design your own ugly jumper.</p> <p>DRAMA • Create a TV advert for Fitchet & Ferret.</p>



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17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What 3 words do they use to describe the jumper? Is Mr Fitchet clever? What would Gertie do? Should Will get to make the journey? Explain your reasons. 	Write a holiday brochure for the Isle of Man.	<p>ART • Draw an image of Will in his Seven-League Boots and Locator Hat!</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY • Work out the distance from your location to the Isle of Man.</p>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why does Will sneak out? Holly helps Will – why do you think this is? Do you think Will will succeed? If you had the boots, where would you go? 	Write a postcard from the Isle of Man.	
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What made Sophie go with Will? Are the grannies going to be happy? Why is a Kitty Hat important? Why did Sophie have it, and not Will? 	Write a setting description of the fields full of golden sheep.	ENGLISH • Create a Manx translation dictionary for 10 words.
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sophie has knitted items which help her with animals. What does this tell us about her? Jasper Fitchet is there again! How did he know where to go? 		ART • Create a collage of a golden sheep.



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21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will Will accept gifts in return for the wool? Does Jasper like Will's gran? How did Will get away? 	Write an escape plan for Will to return home.	
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did the grannies know where to find Will? Will they escape Mr Fitchet? Which do the grannies want more: Will or the wool? 	Write the next chapter opening.	
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When Jasper gets back, what's the first thing he will do? Why is Holly fun? 	Write a character description of Holly.	SCIENCE • Find a river or stream near you. Go (with an adult!) and see what you can catch or find.
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What new pattern are the grannies going to create? Why do they need so much Magic Wool? What traditional crafts could you suggest to Dad? 		HISTORY • Research a blacksmith. Create a working sketch of one of the things they would make.
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think the plan will work? Why won't Mr Fitchet knit a Harkening Stitch? What has Dorcas remembered? How will it help them? 	Write down your favourite memory that you'd like to remember each time you wore the shawl.	



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26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you notice about how Jasper grew up? Do you think it is an excuse for his behaviour? Should the grannies forgive him? 	Write a diary entry by Jasper as a child.	ART • Create a poster about the importance of friendship.
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The grannies succumbed to the jumpers! How did Jasper know what to do? What would you do now, if you were Will? 		
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is important about the embroidered bee? Was Will's idea a good one? Explain using evidence. Is it important that Gertie believed in Jasper? Who could be the Knitwitch? Are you surprised it's the Queen? 		HISTORY • Create a timeline of Jasper's life.
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think Jasper should be allowed in the knitting knot? Are you pleased Holly and Will are also being admitted to the knot? Will Jasper be happier now? Why? 	Write your own email from the Queen (or Knitwitch!) to the new knitting knot. Remember to include all the information from the book!	ART • Create a poster to advertise the knitting knot.



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30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain how each main character felt at the end of the story. • Are you satisfied with the story ending? • What impact does the last line have on the reader? 	Write a book review!	

