Kid Normal, Chapter 3 – **Mumbarrassment** Answers

1. The phrase used to describe Murph’s uneasy feeling was a large collection of baby eels migrating through his body.
2. The series of books that Andy compared Murph’s new school to was the Harry Potter series.
3. *Answers will vary.* At first, the author gave the impression that Murph did not like being dropped to school so early each day as Murph was described as a knowledge hungry spectre hanging around the school gates. However, later the author continues that Murph began to enjoy his early mornings as he liked to watch the inner workings of the school, chatting to the cleaner and observing the teacher’s arrivals. In fact, he compared his early mornings to being backstage at the theatre which implies that Murph felt quite special.
4. The events that Murph describes as ‘mumbarrassing’ are:

– Beeping the car horn loudly.

* Kissing you goodbye in front of friends.
* Calling you your baby nickname in front of your friends.
* Telling you to stop showing off in front of your friends.
* Asking if you have a girlfriend/boyfriend in front of your friends.
* Asking if you have a girlfriend/boyfriend in front of the girl/boy you want to be your girlfriend/boyfriend.
* Singing loudly in public.
* Cleaning your face by licking a finger.
* Asking if you have a handkerchief.

1. The final word used to describe the ‘open and shutting movement that you do to shake rain off of an umbrella’ is **flumfing.**
2. The word **vigorously** is a description for something strong or enthusiastic.
3. The fictional character that Murph compares Mary to is Mary Poppins as his classmate Mary flew into school using an umbrella, similar to the way Mary Poppins travels.

Kid Normal, Chapter 4 - **CT** Answers

1. *Answers will vary.* Since The School was introduced in the story, the author has made frequent inferences to the use of superpowers and supernatural beings. The Head teacher’s name – Mr Superman – links to these inferences as although it is pronounced with a short a sound it is written in the same way of the famous super hero – Superman.

Through this name, I can infer that the Head teacher may possess superpowers that will later become clear.

1. *Answers will vary.* Murph’s brief thought that occurred when Mr Superman asked if Murph was ready to start flying could have been that he was expected to actually fly (like a bird) and not metaphorically in his learning, as his Mum had previously suggested.
2. The phrases that describe Mr Flash are:

* His upper arms bulged as if his sleeves had been stuffed with roast pork.
* His head was bald and extremely shiny.
* His mouth was almost entirely obscured by a droopy, ginger moustache.

1. The theme of Mr Nectar’s evil costume was a wasp.
2. Timothy’s parent’s letter to Mr Flash could have been complaining that Timothy had previously blown up a television at home, as Mr Flash was clear to remind the children to use remote controls to control the TV at home and not their mind powers.
3. The odd item that Gavin Honeybun had previously brought to show and tell and Murph’s old school was a mop which he pretended to use as a horse.
4. The phrase *saved by the bell* expresses the idea that someone is rescued from an uncomfortable situation by a bell or a need elsewhere. Usually this happens just in the nick of time.