Answers to Treasury, P. 71

Section A

1. Alice was trying to learn about the Galaxy, the Milky Way and Mars.
2. I think that she was thinking about chocolate because Galaxy, Milky Way and Mars are names of chocolate bars.
3. Cian from next door had called to Alice’s door.
4. Alice’s schoolbooks were on the kitchen table.
5. Cian suggested that Alice need a mnemonic to help her remember the correct order of the planets.
6. Cian explained that a mnemonic is a way of helping you remember something, by using a rhyme, song or making words from other words, such as, singing the letters of the alphabet to the tune of ‘Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star’.
7. **Richard of York gave battle in vain** is an example of a mnemonic given by Cian. It is used to help remember the order of the colours in the rainbow (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet).
8. ‘My very easy method just sums up nine planets’ is the sentence used by Cian to remember the order of the planets from the sun (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto).

**Since 2006 Pluto is considered to be a dwarf planet.**

Section C (optional) an example of a summary of the text.

Alice was learning about the Galaxy, the Milky Way and Mars for a science test in school the following day. She was finding it hard to remember the order of the planets from the sun as she was distracted by thoughts of chocolate. Her friend Cian from next door called to see her. Cian suggested that Alice use a mnemonic to help her remember the order of the planets. Alice didn’t understand what a mnemonic was, so Cian explained that it is a rhyme, song or even a sentence to help you remember something. He gave Alice an example of how we remember the colours of the rainbow by using the sentence ‘Richard of York gave battle in Vain’, with the first letter of each word in the sentence representing a colour of the rainbow. Cian then suggested that Alice use the sentence ‘my very easy method just sums up nine planets’ to help her remember the order of the planets. Alice thought it was a brilliant idea.

Section D

1. Red
2. Mars
3. Yellow
4. Neptune
5. Uranus
6. Green
7. Saturn
8. Indigo
9. Jupiter
10. Violet / Indigo could also fit this sentence.
11. Pluto
12. Venus
13. Orange
14. Mercury
15. Blue
16. Earth