**Activities for…
The 7 Professors of the Far North by John Fardell**

**Activity 1**

When we arrive at Professor Ampersand’s house, it is full of wonderful inventions that help him around the house. Imagine you are an inventor and invent a special device that will make your day easier. Give it a name, draw a picture of how it would look and tell us what it does. It might be a device to help with your homework, or something that cleans your football boots.

**Activity 2**

On page 40 – 41, Professor Gadling talks about the Parrot-Eating Octopus and what it does and the Arctic Ice Ant on page 214. One of the most famous internet hoaxes was about a Tree Climbing Octopus. Your challenge is to invent a weird and wonderful animal, name it, draw it and write down what it does. It might be a four legged fish that eats tree frogs, or a yellow spotted duck-tailed beetle that lives on the necks of swans. Let’s see how crazy your imaginary animal can be.

**Activity 3**

When we first meet Frank and Yuri on pages 106 – 107, they are watching a Laurel and Hardy film and a little later on Frank tells us that Yuri has learnt to speak English from watching old films, including those staring George Formby. You may not know who these people are, so your task is to use books and the internet to find out who they are and what they are famous for. You might like to write a short biography of them, including any interesting facts you find and use pictures to show what they looked like. You can either present it as a piece of written work or give a presentation to the rest of your group, using PowerPoint. **Websites:** <http://www.laurel-and-hardy.com/> and <http://www.georgeformby.co.uk/>

**Activity 4**

In chapter 32, Nika tells us how she acquired her submarine, and on page 166 she mentions it is a “Relic of the Cold War.” Use the internet and books to research the Cold War. You might want to find out things like;

* How long did it last?
* Who was involved?
* The reasons for it occurring
* The viewpoints of all the countries involved
* What happened?
* Give your own point of view

**Website:** <http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/coldwar.htm>