Something to Think About Summer 2015

Programme 5: Margaret (Mattie) Knight: Young Inventor
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SFX Machine SFX – fades down and continues under.

BEN Oh dear – that’s not working – oh look there’s steam coming out of that now – ah good, good that part’s working... so, if I just turn this...

Oh hello – thanks for joining me – it’s Ben here and that noise you can hear in the background is the fabulous machine that I’ve just invented – but there are a few slight problems I need to sort out first.

Anyway, now you’re here it’s time for...

CHILDREN SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

MUSIC Something to Think About theme tune

BEN My new invention is fantastic – I’m not quite sure what I’m going to use it for...but it’s going to be great!

SFX Machine breaking

BEN Oh... when it’s working of course. Hmmm!

BEN Now, clever inventors have come up with many, many ideas for all sorts of new things. They can be very simple ideas...or really, really complicated...and they can help us in all sorts of ways.

Can you think of some of the inventions that helped you to get ready for school this morning...?

VOX POPS The alarm clock that woke me up (SFX)
The light I switched on to see in the dark. (SFX)

The tap with water and the toothbrush I used to brush my teeth. (SFX)

The toaster that cooked my toast (SFX)

The bag that I used to carry all the things I need for school ...

The bus I came to school in. (SFX)

The school bell that let me know to go inside (SFX)

MUSIC OUT

BEN Yes, those are some great examples and there are lots more that we use at school and in our daily lives, to learn and discover more about the world. Our song today is all about learning and discovering – it’s called 'While we live we learn', which is song number 3 in All about our school. Join in with as much as you can!

SONG 'While we live we learn' – All about our school, no: 3.

BEN Great singing everyone! And all life’s big adventures and all life’s mysteries are certainly exciting for us all!

BEN Now, perhaps you’re thinking that you have to be a grown-up to be an inventor. Not so!!! Anyone can come up with an idea for a new invention at ANY age!

VOX POP Children from Wellfield Junior School, in Sale, Cheshire, tell us about some of the things that they would like to invent.

BEN I do like the sound of some of those inventions and, who knows, we might be using some of them in years to come?!

CHILDREN It’s time for a story!
BEN Yes, it’s time for a story and I have the perfect one for us today. After hearing from those young inventors just now, I think we should hear the true story of another young inventor, Margaret Knight, who was also called Mattie. Mattie came from America and she invented something very useful many years ago, so make sure you’re sitting comfortably to find out what it was...

STORY The story of Mattie Knight – Written by Nicky Grischotti and read by Lauren Ward.

BEN Over one hundred inventions – wow, that’s seriously impressive! Mattie was a very clever young lady wasn’t she?!

MUSIC For reflection

BEN Now let’s take some time to think about some of the things we’ve heard today.

We’ve been thinking about all sorts of useful inventions and the people who created them.

People like Mattie Knight in today’s story who was full of ideas and invented something to improve the safety of others.

Inventors use something that we all have...our ability to think and to imagine...

Think now about something you could do to make life better for other people – it could be something big...or perhaps just something small...

And, if you would like to turn your thoughts into a prayer, then you can take some time to do that now.

MUSIC Reflection music ends
BEN

We’re going to hear a short prayer now. Listen to the words and if you’d like to make the prayer your own you can join in with Amen at the end.

PRAYER

Dear God

Thank you for all the wonderful inventions that help us in our daily lives.

Help those who are working to improve the lives of others.

Help us to put our own thoughts and ideas about the World to good use to help others.

Amen

BEN

Well, that’s about all we have time for today. But, don’t forget that one day it could be one of you who invents or makes something to help others – so keep thinking up those ideas!!!

Join me next time when we’ll be visiting some caves and thinking about interesting discoveries that have been made underground.

Bye for now!

MUSIC

Something to Think About theme