# Top Secret! Geoffrey's Self Isolation Diary

#### Monday



My week did not start well. Miss Brearey had made a lovely smelling chocolate brownie so I hatched a plan to taste some...she wasn't very

happy when she found I'd eaten half without her. Apparently, she's going to keep a "very close eye" on me from now on. I don't like the sound of this and it probably means no more brownie.

Miss Brearey said we were doing planting today so I expected us to go outside and get muddy but then she showed me some tins...how can I grow yummy food in tins? We planted something called micro herbs in tins, put the lids back on and apparently have to wait 4 days whilst they do something called "germinate"... Miss Brearey really has gone loopy now!



## Tuesday

Today, we went out into the garden to plant some more seeds! Miss Brearey got a kitchen herb set for Christmas and I can't believe it's taken her until now to plant them!! We planted parsley, basil, coriander and chives and put them in the fancy looking planter in alphabetical order so we wouldn't forget which one



was which. My favourite part was playing in the mud but

unfortunately, Miss Brearey stopped me...

I wonder how long they'll take to grow? I really like munching on coriander so I hope it's quick!



This morning was lovely and sunny so I took my book outside. I'm reading all about a famous scientist called Albert Einstein who worked on something called relativity (it's a tricky word to say and an even trickier word to understand).





### Thursday

Miss Brearey planted some avocado stones last week with cocktail sticks and they're doing very well so I decided to copy her. My avocado stone is the biggest so is clearly going to be the best. The only problem is, it doesn't seem to be growing quite as

quickly as hers...I wonder if singing to it will help? I've been changing the water it's sitting in every day and putting it in the sunlight but it still isn't making any difference.

# Friday



Luckily, something is growing! After only 4 days of "germinating", the micro herbs in tins have grown stalks. Miss Brearey explained that plants use sunlight to make their own food and this turns them green! So these plants need putting in the sunlight because they look quite pale. Imagine if what I ate turned me green...people would think I

was poorly! The instructions say they'll be ready to eat in a couple of days... I wonder if they taste like cress because that's what they look like?

Answer the questions below using Geoffrey's diary to help you. The questions are in the same order as the text (for example, you won't find any questions about Friday first!)

Why did Geoff not have a good start to the week?

How much of the brownie did Geoff eat before he got caught?

Why doesn't Geoff like the sound of "keep a close eye on" him?

What did the microherbs get planted in?

How long will the microherbs take to germinate?

Why do you think Geoffrey says "Miss Brearey has gone loopy"?

Where did Geoffrey and Miss Brearey go to plant their kitchen herbs?

When did Miss Brearey get her kitchen herb set?

Name one kitchen herb Geoffrey and Miss Brearey planted.

Geoffrey says that they planted the seeds in alphabetical order. What order would they be in?
1
2
3
4
Why do you think Miss Brearey stopped Geoffrey playing in the mud?
What does Geoffrey like doing with coriander?
Why did Geoffrey read his book outside?
What was Albert Einstein's job?
Why did Geoffrey decide to plant his own avocado stone?
Why does Geoffrey think his is going to be the best?
What does Geoffrey think will help his avocado grow more quickly?
What were the microherbs doing for 4 days?

Why did Miss Brearey say they needed to go in sunlight?

What would people think if Geoff's food turned him green?

What does Geoff think the microherbs will taste like?

Miss Brearey said that the microherbs needed to "germinate" for 4 days. What do you think this means? (use the pictures from Monday and Friday to help you)