Gracie Fairshaw and the Mysterious Guest Activities
Blackpool is famous for its illuminations, a 6.2 mile series of lights along the seafront. Every Autumn, the ‘Lights’ are turned on by a special guest at the Switch-On ceremony.

**Activity 1: Design a Poster**

Can you design a poster advertising the 1935 Switch-On ceremony? Think about what details you’ll need to include:

- The date, time and location
- Special guests, Hey, Presto! and Railway Queen, Audrey Mosson
- Carefully chosen images to represent both Blackpool and the Lights (the Tower, a tram, or perhaps the beach?)

Make sure your poster is eye-catching and appealing, so that it encourages people to attend!
Design a Poster
Violet tells Gracie that Tom keeps a secret diary. “Don’t tell him I know,” she says, “He’ll kill me.” What do you think Tom wrote in his diary on the day he first encountered Gracie and George?

**Activity 2: Writing a Diary**

Imagine you are Tom, and write your diary, explaining how you met Gracie and George, and describing how you feel about the mystery you are caught up in.

Use the box to write down some ideas
Writing a Diary

Dear Diary,

Today was very exciting. Violet buried me in the sand...
Writing Activity

‘Auntie Astra’ writes the Blackpool Gazette’s children’s page. Regular readers are invited to join a special club called The League of the Shining Star.
Here’s an example of one of Astra’s columns:

Switch at the Switch-On

Dear League of the Shining Star, The Mayor of Blackpool has asked the newly-crowned Railway Queen to do the honour of switching on the Illuminations this Saturday night, but has decided instead to hand over the task to fifteen-year-old, Miss Elsie ‘Audrey’ Mosson, after meeting her this morning.

Alderman Whittaker said, ‘Miss Mosson is a charming girl, with a frank and vivacious disposition – and I thought it would be very appropriate for this to be her first official duty as Queen.’

Many of you will be at the Switch-On tomorrow night and I am sure you will welcome Miss Mosson as we welcome all to Blackpool.

Love, Auntie Astra

Activity 3: Writing a Newspaper Column

The children of Blackpool are enthusiastic members of The League of the Shining Star, and prove very helpful to Gracie, George, Tom and Violet at the Switch-On.

Imagine you are Auntie Astra. What will you write in your next column for the children’s page? As well as your letter to the league, you can also include cartoons and puzzles, and anything else you think the children might enjoy.
The Gazette

The League of the Shining Star
With Auntie Astra
Violet’s hero is Amelia Earhart. Research information about Amelia Earhart to see who she was and what she did that made her famous.

Activity 4: researching Amelia Earhart

- What do you know about this pioneering woman?
- What can you find out?
| **Birth date:** |  |
| **Birth place:** |  |
| **Parents:** |  |
| **Siblings:** |  |
| **Education:** |  |
| **Marriage:** |  |
| **Best known for:** |  |