

ENGLISH AT ST. MARGARET'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWS BULLETIN!!!

**THIS MONTH'S UPDATES FOR
READING, WRITING AND SPELLING.**

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Virtual School Library

- Each week the National Literacy Trust has continued to have an author of the week. There is a short video from the author and you can access one of their books online. Each book will become part of the National Literacy Trust's Virtual School Library. This week it is Phil Hickeys. Enjoy!!
- <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/meet-phil-hickeys-and-his-new-spooky-story/>

COMPETITION TIME!!

- The Book Trust has a new writer in residence named Smriti Halls. She has launched a story-writing competition for the chance to win a special visit and lots of books for our school!

Stories of Joy and Hope

- Here's what Smriti wants you to do...
 - 'I'd like children to write a story that brings them JOY or HOPE.
 - 'It could be about anything at all... and be told in all sorts of ways - a funny story, an adventure story, a fairytale, a story full of unicorns, pancakes or porcupines... time travel, wizards or wands... rockets... rollercoasters... rabbits... whatever makes the writer happy.
 - 'It doesn't have to be a story in the conventional sense either - it could be a string of jokes to make people laugh or a little list of ideas to change the world for the better. The most important thing is that children feel joy and hope writing it, because that way their readers will too.'
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- **The deadline is 5pm on Friday 22 January 2021**
 - **Find out more on**
 - <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/october/share-your-story-to-win-a-school-visit-from-our-writer-in-residence-smriti-halls/>

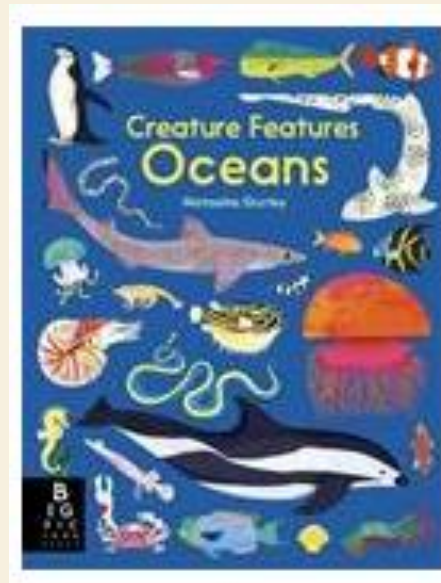
COMPETITIONS!!!!

- For those of you who love to write, there is also a writing competition called 'My Twist on a Tale'. The deadline is the 27th November 2020 so get writing!!! Click on the link for information. You will need to enter this at home.
- <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/enter-my-twist-tale-writing-competition/>

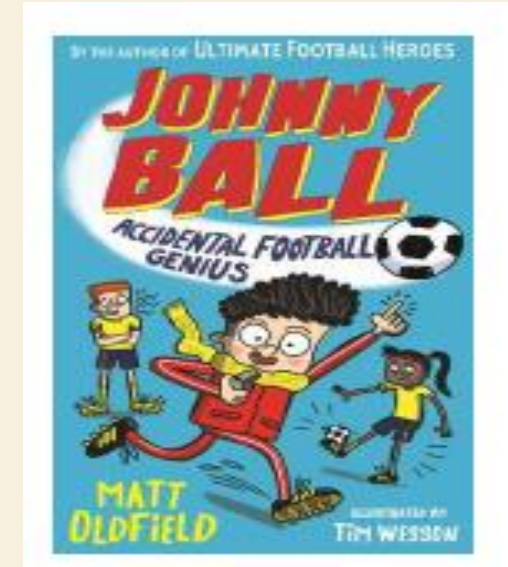
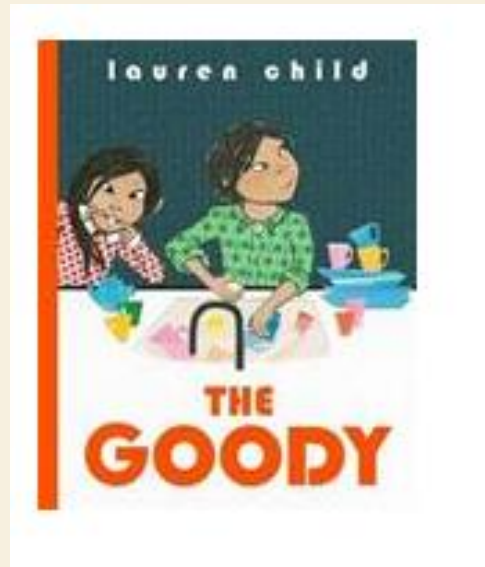
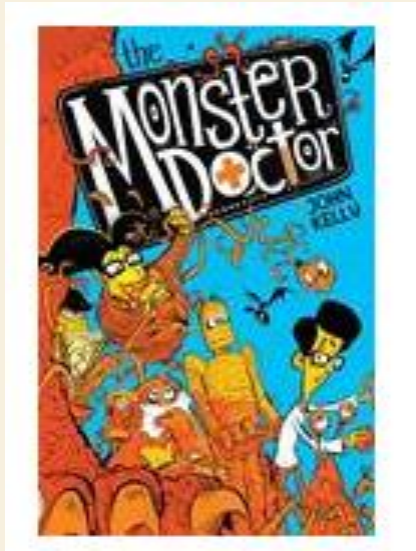
BOOKS FOR HALF TERM

HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS FOR NEW BOOKS TO READ OVER HALF TERM. THERE ARE IDEAS FOR EACH AGE RANGE.

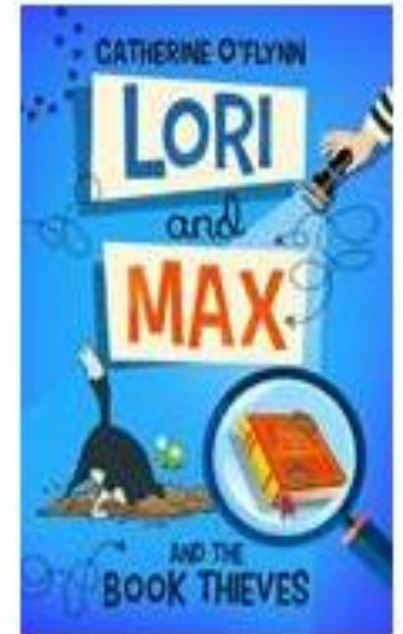
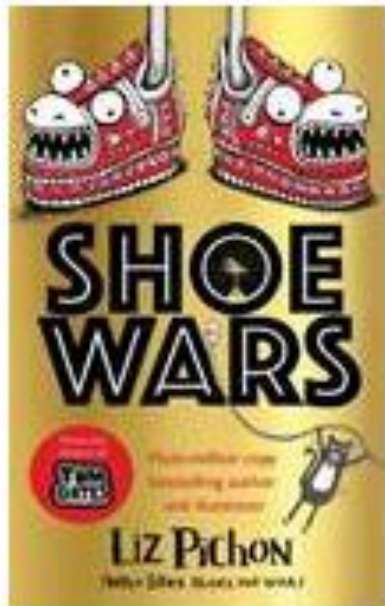
- AGE 4- 6



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A FEW FINAL MESSAGES:

- Quite a few books are missing from the junior libraries. We endeavour to ensure that our school library is full of exciting and new books that your children will enjoy but it is starting to look rather depleted. Many books have not been returned to school since the school had to close in March. We appreciate that this was a difficult time for everyone, but we would be grateful if you could have a look at home for any unreturned books. Thank you.
- It is really important that your child keeps reading over half term. Even if your child is a fluent reader, they need to continue to improve their knowledge and understanding of vocabulary. Please remind them to complete their reading record as well.
- The Book Fair is going to return after half-term (in a virtual form). Please support this if possible as this is how we are able to have such an amazing school library for your children to enjoy.
- 9th November – 11th November
- Have a lovely half term
- Mrs.C. Frew (Literacy Lead)