



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School  
Doing the little things well

Reading Newsletter  
Autumn Term 3  
2021



This half term we meet debut author Mel Taylor-Bessent



To all of the children at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School,

Welcome to the fantastically festive world of 'The Christmas Carrolls' a family so obsessed with Christmas, they try to spread cheer 365 days a year!

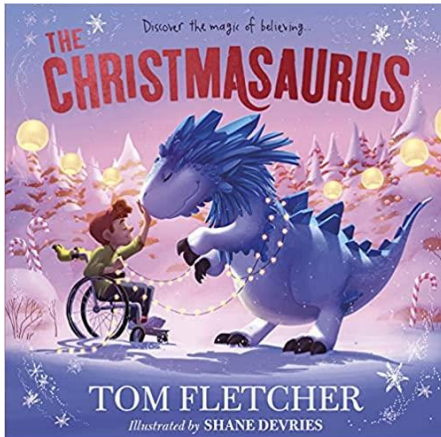
In the pages of this book, you'll find a carol-singing-toilet, a diva donkey who wants to be a reindeer, delicious Christmas snacks like grotto cakes and snowiches, a wonderfully caring and eccentric family, and a group of children that might not get a Christmas at all. It's packed full of laughs, stunning illustrations by Selom Sunu, and a huge dollop of Christmas cheer!

In fact, I hope you find as much cheer reading the book as I did writing it. I've wanted to become an author since I was eight-years-old and I can't begin to describe how exciting it is to see my name on the cover of a book and to see so many people enjoying the story.

I hope this is a story that can be treasured in the festive season, on Christmas Eve, or even in a heatwave in September (which is actually how the story starts!), but whenever you choose to read 'The Christmas Carrolls', I hope you find a little Christmas magic within the pages and that the feeling of festive cheer stays with you all year long.

I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Read!

## New book recommendations



The Christmasaurus picture book by Tom Fletcher  
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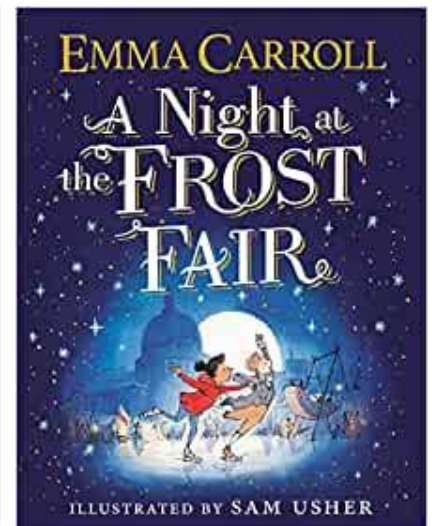
Aimed at 3+

The Christmasaurus wants more than anything to be able to fly and help pull Santa's sleigh across the sky on Christmas Eve. But flying turns out to be much harder than he thought, even with Santa's help! One special Christmas, however, he falls down a chimney and meets a dinosaur-obsessed little boy who teaches him the magic of believing . . .

A Night at the Frost Fair by Emma Carroll

Aimed at 7+

It's Christmastime, and searching for magic, Maya finds herself transported back two hundred years to the banks of the frozen river Thames. A boy called Eddie shows Maya the bustle of the glittering frost fair, filled with music, sweet stalls and thrilling rides. Is this all a dream, or can Maya bring a piece of the beautiful frost fair home with her after all . . .?



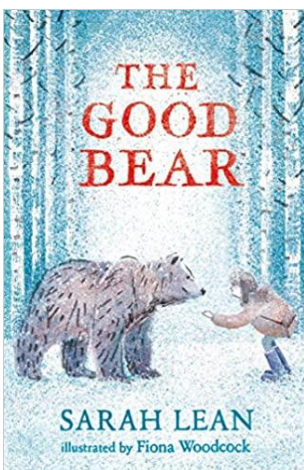
The Good Bear by Sarah Lean

Aimed at 9+

It's the Christmas holidays and Thea is looking forward to spending them with her father. She can tell him all about her plans to become a writer, and maybe he'll buy her the typewriter she's been dreaming of.

But when Thea arrives in Norway, everything feels . . . wrong. Her father is as distant as ever and now she has to share him with his new family: his girlfriend Inge and her children. Then Thea makes a surprising discovery. Deep in the snowy woods by the house, is a bear. He's scared and hungry and he desperately needs Thea's help.

When the town hears about a bear living in the woods, Bear's life is in even greater danger. Thea needs to show everyone that he's not dangerous – he's a good bear – if she's to save him.



# Events

We have received our first subscription boxes from Reading Rocks



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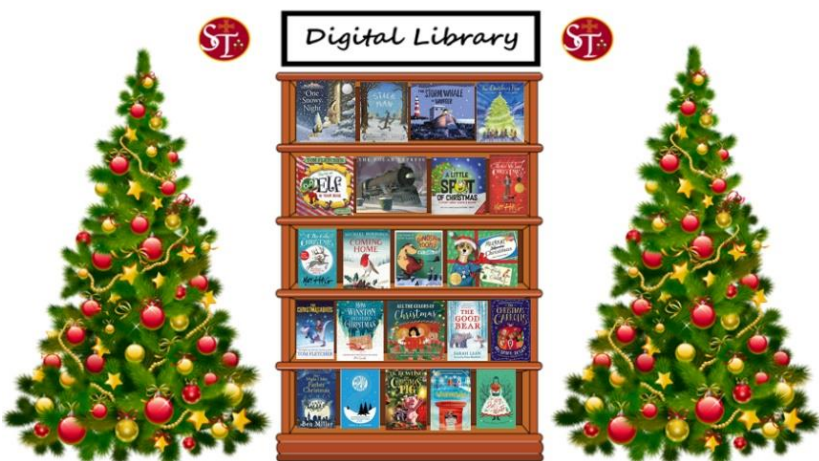


Our very own budding author Dominic (Class 9) has written two books. Hopefully, these will be the first of many! Why don't you try writing your own books over the Christmas Holidays?

Check it out! A new Christmas-themed digital library has been created and is on the school website.

Which books will you listen to?

The Reading Squad have been published in the Schools Northeast newsletter. Head over to the school Facebook page to read the full newsletter.



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## Pupil recommendations



Edie recommends!

Edie (Class 10) recommends Stickman by Julia Donaldson

"My favourite Christmas-themed book is Stickman because it is a really kind and loving book. It gets you feeling nice inside because it is really friendly. This book would be aimed at children aged 3-9. It includes lots of magical things.



Jimmy recommends!

Jimmy (Class 6) recommends The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher

"This book is about a boy who really likes dinosaurs. Every Christmas, he asks for a dinosaur, but he never gets one but this year he does...



Archie recommends!

Archie (Class 8) recommends The Snowman by Raymond Briggs

"I like that it has images, and you have to decide what the characters might be saying. My Favourite part is when the Snowman touches the cat, and it goes crazy!"



Daisy recommends

Daisy (Reception) recommends Sugarlump and the Unicorn by Julia Donaldson because she likes that the unicorn has magic powers.

