



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

Reading Newsletter
Summer Term 2
2021



This half term we meet author Hannah Gold author of *The Last Bear*

Growing up, Hannah's biggest dream was to own a cat and be a writer and she's happy to say she's achieved both.

Hannah is passionate about writing stories which share her love of the planet and when not writing, she's busy looking for her next big animal story and practising her roar.

Dear everyone at St Teresa's

The Last Bear is the story of 11-year-old April who meets and rescues a wild polar bear. It's inspired by my love of animals and nature.

I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it, and that more importantly, it inspires you to make a difference.

With love and a big roar!

Hannah

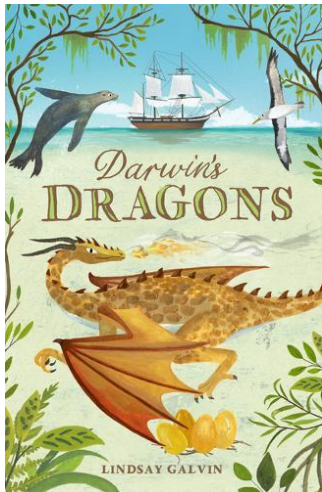


Illustrations by Levi Pinfold



Please visit
www.hannahgold.world for more
information, videos and activities

New book recommendations



Darwin's Dragons by Lindsey Galvin

Aimed at 9-12 year olds

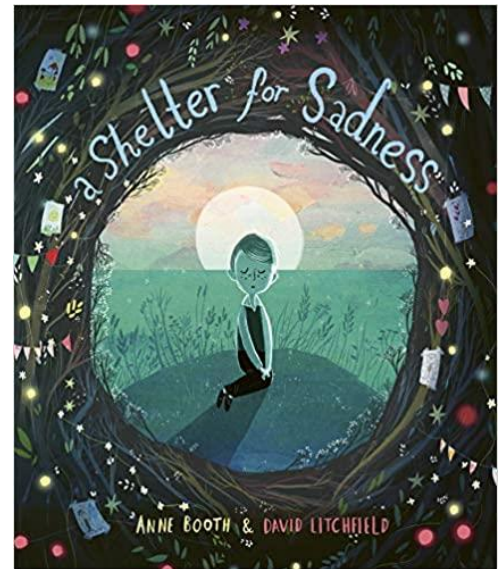
Syms Covington has landed the job of a lifetime - cabin boy and fiddler on Charles Darwin's Beagle. But when he is separated from the crew during a storm, his life takes a truly extraordinary turn. Shipwrecked on a Galapagos island, he makes a discovery that could change the world - and make his fortune. But should he share his find, or will it lead to the extinction of a legendary species?

A Shelter for Sadness by Anne Booth

Aimed at 5+

A small boy creates a shelter for his sadness, a safe space where Sadness is welcome, where it can curl up small, or be as big as it can be, where it can be noisy or quiet, or anything in between. The boy can visit the shelter whenever he needs to, every day, sometimes every hour, and the two of them will cry and talk or just sit, saying nothing.

And the boy knows that one day Sadness may come out of the shelter, and together they will look out at the world, and see how beautiful it is.

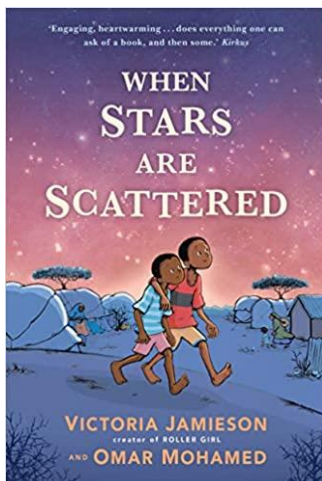


When Stars are Scattered by Omar Mohamed

Aimed at 8+

Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. Separated from their mother, they are looked after by a friendly stranger. Life in the camp isn't always easy. The hunger is constant . . . but there's football to look forward to, and now there's a chance Omar will get to go to school . . .

With a heart-wrenching fairy-tale ending, this incredible true story is brought to life by Victoria's stunning illustrations. This book perfectly depicts life in a refugee camp for 8-12 year olds.



Events



At the end of June, Richard O'Neill spent 3 wonderful days working with children from Nursery up to Class 7. The children took part in storytelling, art and music workshops. Richard said, "Your school is not only a community-friendly place but it is such a fabulous learning environment too with a wonderful balance of love, care, support and high expectations. I would say lucky children, but we know luck isn't involved it's a mixture of sheer hard work, determination and a desire that all children have the opportunity to feel supported and valued."



Cayden (Class 5) said, "We actually got to meet him in person which was brilliant!"

"I liked listening to Richard telling us the story about Geordie and Mary" - Lilly (Class 3)

Maya (Reception) said, "It was good because it was fun. I learned about Ruby and Joe who lived in a vardo."

"The day was great because we collected lots of words and put them into a song and story" - John (Class 5)



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



Little Libraries will soon be full of books for the children to enjoy during playtimes and lunchtimes

Pupil recommendations



Olivia recommends!

Olivia (Class 10) recommends Sky Song by Abi Elphinstone

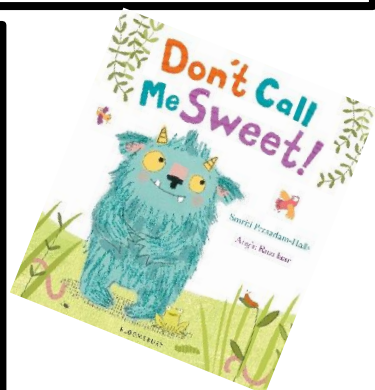
"It is about a girl who had to survive in the woods with only a bird as her companion. She is under the curse of an evil witch who wants to steal her voice but is there a way to prevent her from stealing it?"



Adam recommends!

Adam (Class 5) recommends Don't Call Me Sweet by Smriti Prasadam-Halls

"It's all about a monster who likes to eat green things like worms, insects and bugs. It's scary. I liked it when he almost ate up all the men. It's really funny.



Class 8 recommends

Class 8 recommends Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones
A boy covered in hair, raised as a monster, condemned to life in a travelling freak show. A boy with an extraordinary power of observation and detection. A boy accused of murder; on the run; hungry for truth.



Harry recommends

Harry (Reception) recommends I'm Not Scared by Dan Crisp

"My favourite book is I'm not scared. I like it because the cat meets lots of different creatures and monsters but he isn't scared. Then, at the end something different happens."

