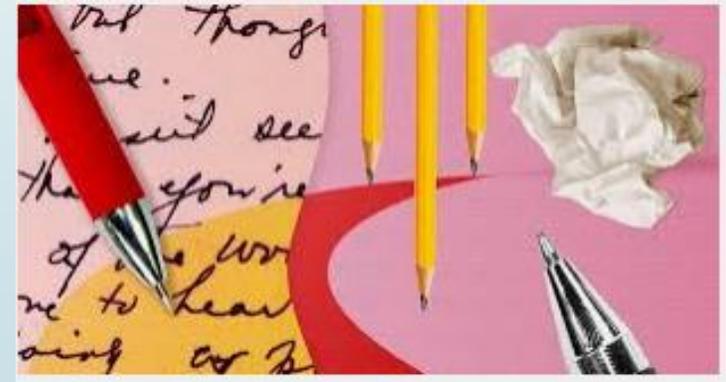


English at St. Margaret's C.E. Primary School- November Updates



This month's updates!!!

Virtual School Library



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- 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 Tom Palmer with 'Roy of the Rovers: Scouted'. Enjoy!!
- <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>

Competition time!! A reminder as there is still time to enter.

- 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!

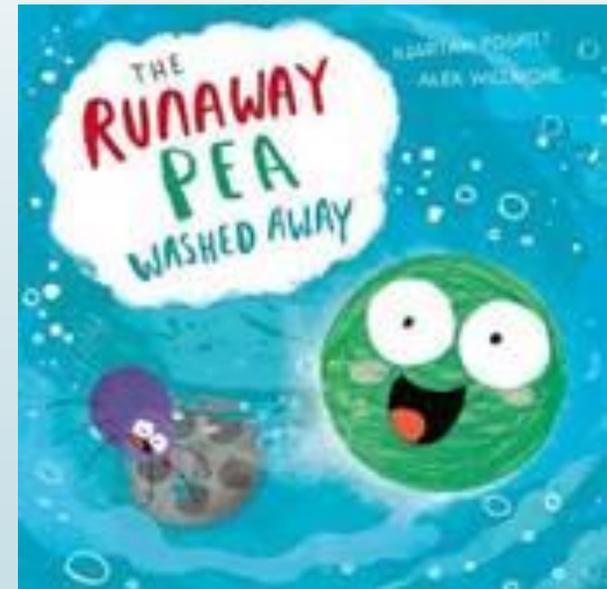
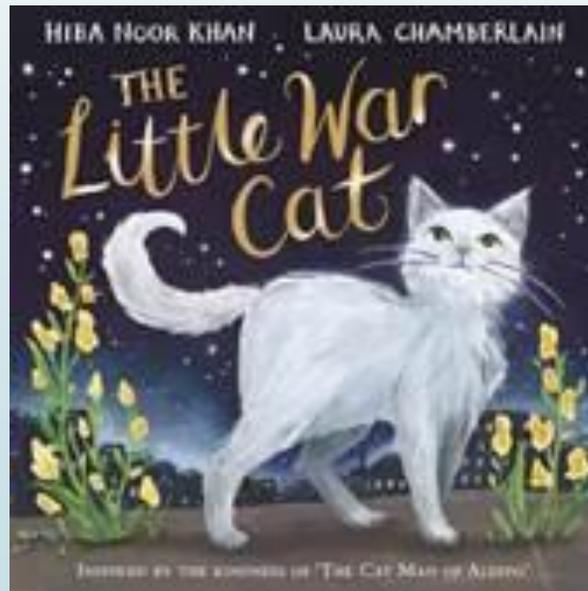
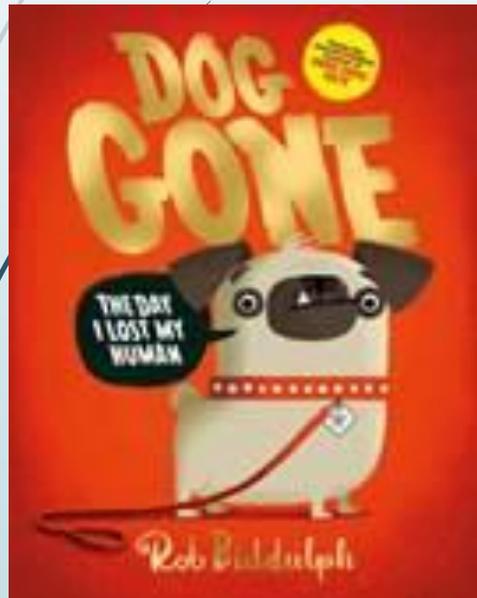
Stories of Joy and Hope

- 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/>

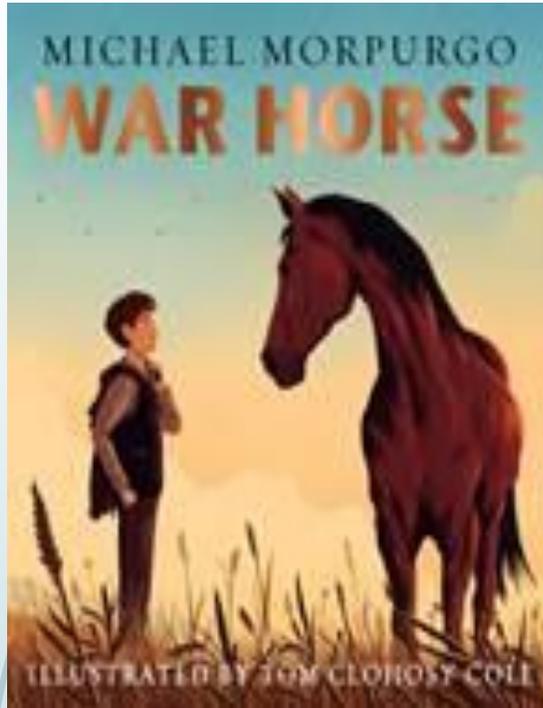
Books of the Month

Here are a few ideas for new books to read and maybe some Christmas presents! There are ideas for each age range.

► AGE 4- 6



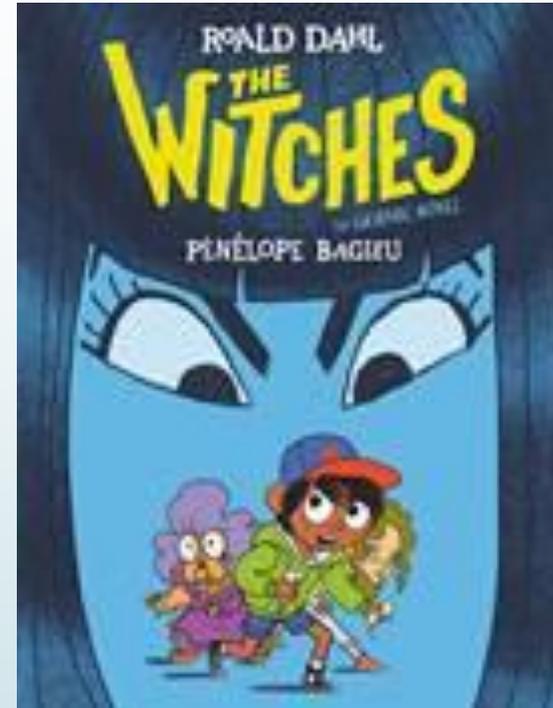
New releases for children aged 7-8



War Horse

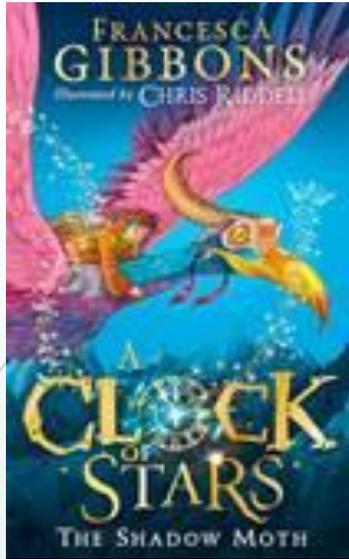
Author: Michael Morpurgo
Illustrator: Tom Clohosy Cole

A new picture book version of Michael Morpurgo's classic children's novel *War Horse*, this shortened, illustrated version is full of emotion and drama.



The Witches: The Graphic Novel

Author: Roald Dahl and Pénélope Bagieu
Pénélope Bagieu updates Roald Dahl's classic story in this brilliant graphic novel, bursting with character and full of fun.



A Clock of Stars: The Shadow Moth

Author: Francesca

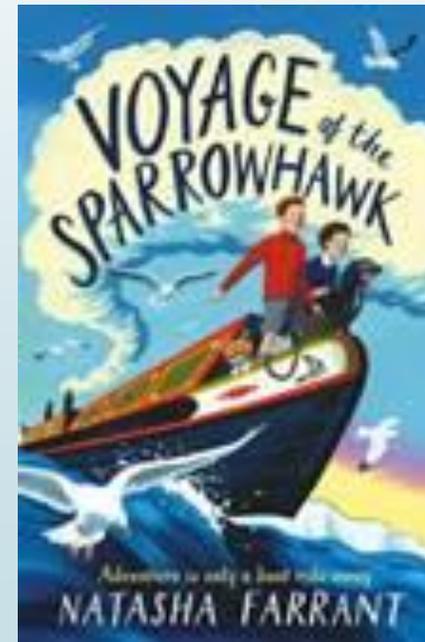
Gibbons **Illustrator:** Chris Riddell

When Imogen and Marie stumble on a magical world and meet a prince, they're thrown into an exciting adventure full of incredible creatures and lots of danger. Will they ever make it back home?

Voyage of the Sparrowhawk

Author: Natasha Farrant

12-year-olds Ben and Lotti each need to get to France in the aftermath of World War I; so in the middle of a dark night they set off aboard the barge Sparrowhawk.

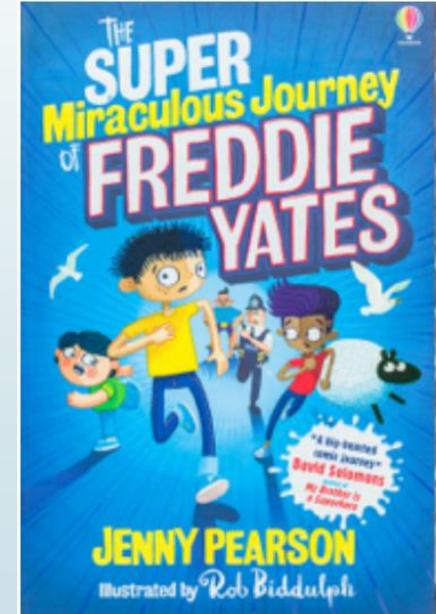
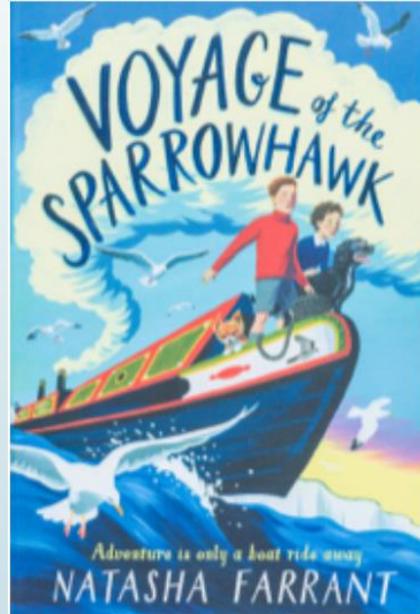


Blue Peter's Books of the Year

Here is the shortlist for the Blue Peter's Books of the Year. You might want to read some of these and see which books deserve to win!



Costa Children's Book of the Year- The Shortlist



Featuring our Year Four teacher...Mrs. Pearson!!!