



# St Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School

## Year 5 Summer Term Curriculum Newsletter



Year Group: Y5

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## Welcome Back Everybody!

I can't believe it's already the Summer term! Both the children and I cannot believe how fast this year is going! We have another busy term ahead of us, with lots of new and interesting things still to learn in all of our subjects!

We will be exploring the sights and sounds of South America and the Amazon Rainforest in Geography, learning all about mummification and life in Ancient Egypt in History and learning about Forces, Living Things and Light in Science.

Hopefully, in coming weeks, we might also get a little bit of Summer sun to lift our spirits! With this in mind, as the weather improves, please ensure send your child into school with a water bottle every day to keep them hydrated, and that you apply sun cream to your child before bringing them into school on a morning.

Finally, please speak to us or give us a ring if we can ever be of any help. Keep an eye on Facebook too as we will be posting regular updates and pictures of what we have been getting up to in class!

## Literacy

- Co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Apostrophes for possession and omission
- Using colons
- Information Texts
- Suspense stories
- Persuasive writing - travel brochures (linked to our Brazil geography topic).

## Maths

- Dividing numbers up to 4 digits by 1 digit
- Finding equivalent, proper and improper fractions
- Fractions: +, - and  $\times$
- Using fractions to divide
- Decimals (comparing, rounding)
- Decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents.
- Recognising 3D shapes based on properties.

## Science

'Everything Changes':

- Living things and offspring
  - Animal adaptations
  - Evolution
  - Fossils
- 'Light up your world'*
- Light sources and how light travels
  - Reflection
  - Shadows

## RE

- Transformation - Recognising the risen Christ at Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit can transform Catholic's actions.
- Freedom and responsibility - Recognising how and why rules are important in society and also to Catholics. The sacrament of reconciliation.
- Stewardship - exploring how the world was given to us by God, with the expectation that we are stewards of it.

## PE

Cricket  
Tennis  
Rounders

## French

- Clothing
- My home
- The date

## Computing

- Internet safety and responsible/efficient use of search engines
- Research activities

## PSHE - Health and Wellbeing

- Consent
- Making safe choices online
- What is cyber bullying
- What is pressure and how can we deal with it.

Working with Headstart each Thursday exploring mental health

## History - The Ancient Egyptians

- The location of Ancient Egypt
- The importance of the River Nile to the Ancient Egyptians
- Farming in Ancient Egypt
- Famous Egyptians Pharaohs
- The building of the Great Pyramids
- Religion & Beliefs in Ancient Egypt.
- The process of mummification
- The significance of the Rosetta Stone
- Howard Carter & the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb

## Geography - The Continent of South America

- The location of continents, countries and oceans
- The location of countries and cities within South America
- Famous landmarks
- Climate zones and biomes
- IA study of the Amazon Rainforest
- Economy and trade
- A study of Brazil

## Art & Design Technology

- Looking at different digital software to produce 2D and 3D designs
- Planning ingredient for a healthy meal



# Parent's Information Page

## Homework

It is absolutely vital that your child knows their times tables, therefore their homework will be regular participation (we ask for at least 3 times per week) on the 'Times Tables Rockstars' App, taking part in class v class competitions etc... ([www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com) or download the app)



Spellings are also essential and will be sent home to be learned every week, ready for a test each Friday.



([www.spellingshed.com](http://www.spellingshed.com) or download the app)

We would appreciate your support with your child's home learning and we ask that you encourage and support your child with all activities set.

## Dates for your Diary:

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday - School closed to children.  
Wednesday 4th May - St Margaret Clitherow Day  
Wednesday 25th May - Silver Behaviour Award  
Thursday 26th May - Queen's Jubilee celebrations (remember to wear red, white and blue!)  
Thursday 26th May - Last day of term.  
Friday 27th May - PD day - School closed to children.  
Monday 6th June - Return to school for summer term 2.  
Tuesday 7th June - Prayer and Liturgy - 9:15 am  
Saturday 11th June - First Holy Communions  
Tuesday 28th June - Family Enrichment - 2:30pm  
Monday 11th to Friday 15th July - SPORTS WEEK  
Monday 18th July - Gold Behaviour Award  
Wednesday 20th July - End of school year  
Thursday 21st July - PD day - school closed to children.

## PE Days

Our PE day is a Wednesday and Thursday, so your child should come into school wearing their PE kit those days.

- White t-shirt with blue/black shorts/joggers
  - Blue/black hoodie/sweatshirt
  - Trainers

As it is getting warmer, we ask that you apply sunscreen before your children come to school to protect from burning.

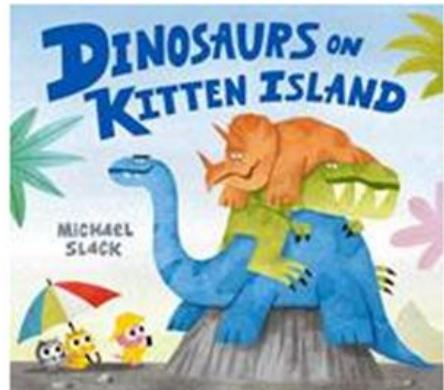
# Reading @ SMC

## New Releases for Spring 2022

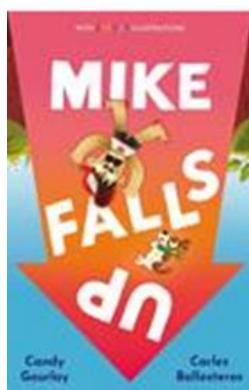
My Must-Have Mum  
Reading Age: 4-5+



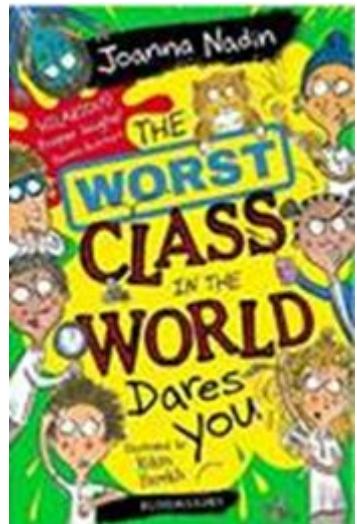
Dinosaurs on Kitten Island  
Reading Age: 4-5+



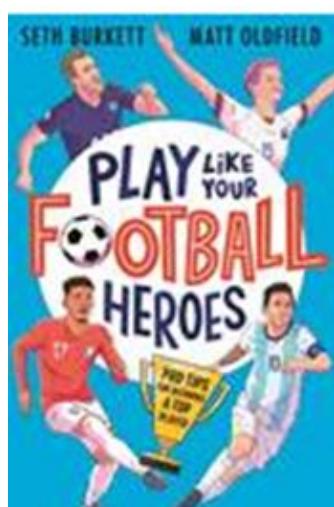
Mike Falls Up  
Reading Age: 6-8+



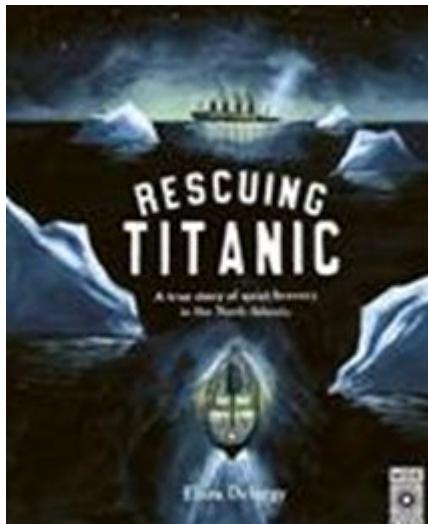
The Worst Class in  
The World Dares You!  
Reading Age: 6-8+



Play like your Football Heroes  
Reading Age: 9-11+



Rescuing Titanic  
Reading Age: 9-11+



## Mr Watson Recommends

I thoroughly enjoyed reading 'Who Let The Gods out?' by Maz Evans. The text follows the life of a young boy, Elliot, who has spent his life keeping his mums illness under wraps, but sadly money is running out... When a young Zodiac goddess, Virgo, lands in his back garden, he thinks he might have come across a perfect solution to his money worries, but instead the pair get into trouble by releasing Thanatos - the immortal daemon- from centuries of imprisonment. With Thanatos on the loose and Elliot and Virgo being out of their depth, they have to call upon Zeus and other retired Gods to help - but can they get to Thanatos before it's too late?....

Funny, witty and very modern, this fantastic fantasy is an excellent mix of ancient history and modern magic, with brilliant characters and a human story at its heart. A 5\* recommendation from me!

Try the rest in the series - Simply the Quest, Beyond the Odyssey & Against All Gods.

