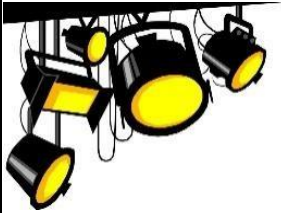


# Our Lady's Catholic Primary School

## Spring Reading Newsletter

### Author Spotlight

#### A message from Lindsay Littleson



Hello readers!

When I was a child, I read lots and lots of Enid Blyton and her school stories were a real favourite. Eventually my mum insisted I read books by other authors too and books I loved were *The Family from One End Street* by Eve Garnett, *Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C O'Brien and *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. Reading was a wonderful escape from boring reality! If you think you don't like reading, it's because you haven't found the book for you yet, so keep looking. One day you will pick up a book, start reading, magic will happen and you'll hold that book in your heart forever. It happened to me with Enid Blyton's *The Faraway Tree*.

Reading is a wonderful hobby, and you'll never be bored if you're a reader. When I was at primary school, life was often dull, and I always had my nose in a book, totally absorbed in exciting adventures in other worlds!

Some of my books, such as the *Titanic Detective Agency*, are about solving mysteries. Writing a mystery story is fun but tricky. The story has to be very carefully planned before it's written. Clues shouldn't be too obvious, as the reader shouldn't be able to solve the mystery early on, before the big reveal.

In *The Titanic Detective Agency*, the main character, 12-year-old Bertha Watt, is determined to solve the mystery of the mysterious widower, Mr Louis Hoffman. Convinced that Mr Hoffman is up to no good, Bertha sets up *The Titanic Detective Agency* with the help of her new friend, Madge Collyer.

The best part of writing this particular mystery story is that it was based on real events, and all the characters were real-life passengers and crew on the doomed ship. I had to do a lot of research to ensure all the details were accurate, but *Titanic* is such a fascinating subject that I thoroughly enjoyed the research.



I've just finished the 2nd draft of a children's adventure story set on the Ayrshire coast, about merfolk and a monster! And I've completed the first draft of a story called *The Rewilders*, featuring lynx, wolves, and two children on a strange quest in the Highlands. Hopefully, one or both will be published next year so I would love you to look out for them and read them!

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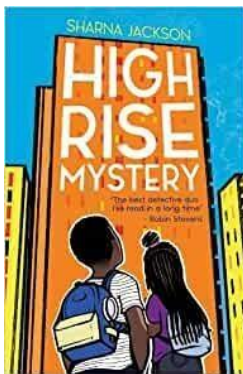
## Recommended Fiction - Mysteries



**What the ladybird heard at the seaside by Julia Donaldson**

**Aimed at Reception & Year 1**

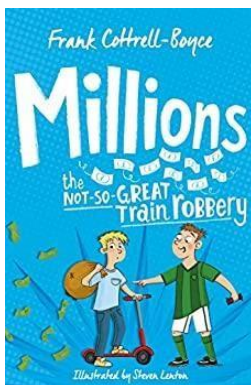
The clever little ladybird is off on a trip to the seaside, but those two bad men, Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len, are also back and they're up to their wicked ways again. This time they're planning to steal the mermaid's long, luscious hair and sell it to a famous star . . . luckily, the crime-busting ladybird has another cunning plan to stop the thieves!



**High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson**

**Aimed at Years 5 & 6**

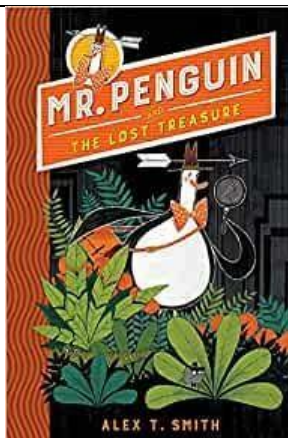
The detective duo everyone is dying to meet! Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in The Tri: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time - until the end of the summer holidays anyway. The first whodunnit in a new mystery series by Sharna Jackson.



**Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

**Aimed at Year 4, 5 & 6**

Brothers Damian and Anthony didn't mean to get caught up in a botched train robbery. But what would *you* do if a massive bag of cash dropped from the sky and you had only a few days to spend it before it became worthless? Buy a million pizzas? End world poverty? Not such an easy decision, is it? The boys soon find out that being rich is a mug's game. Not only is the clock ticking, the bank robbers want their money back . . .



**Mr Penguin by Alex T Smith**

**Aimed at Years 3 & 4**

Mr Penguin and Colin (a spider and Mr Penguin's silent right hand man) are called in to find the missing treasure somewhere in the Museum of Extraordinary Objects. The quest finds them solving secret codes, fighting ferocious beasts, eating fish finger sandwiches and travelling deep below the museum to a lost jungle...

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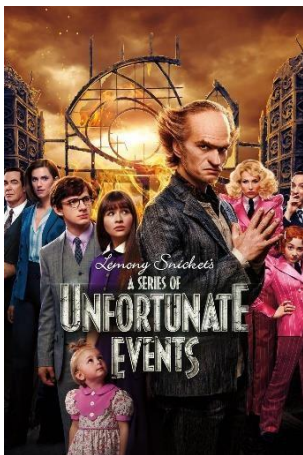
## Guess the book

Can you play detective and guess the book from the snippet of cover?



## Read it or Watch it?

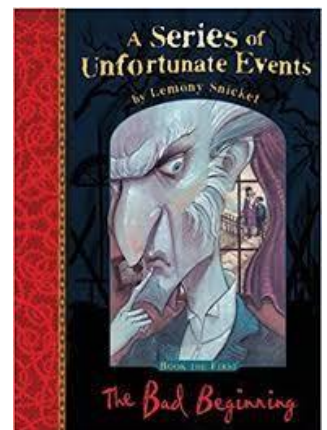
### A series of unfortunate events by Lemony Snickett



A series of unfortunate events is a collection of 13 books written by Lemony Snickett and first published in 1999. It was made into a film in 2004 and first aired as a TV series on Netflix in 2017

The story follows the misadventures of the three Baudelaire children, following their parents' death in a fire, the children are placed in the custody of a murderous relative, Count Olaf, who attempts to steal their inheritance and, later, orchestrates numerous disasters with the help of his accomplices as the children attempt to flee. As the plot progresses, the Baudelaire children gradually

confront further mysteries surrounding their family and deep conspiracies involving a secret society.



Will you read it or watch it?!

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## Our very own reading champions!

Well done to Jessica, Georgie, Monty and Jessica who became reading champions last Thursday at Rugby library!

You can also visit Rugby Library and borrow books. Their opening hours are:



Monday	9am to 5.30pm
Tuesday	10am to 7pm
Wednesday	9am to 5.30pm
Thursday	9am to 5.30pm
Friday	9am to 5.30pm
Saturday	9am to 4pm
Sunday	12 noon to 4pm