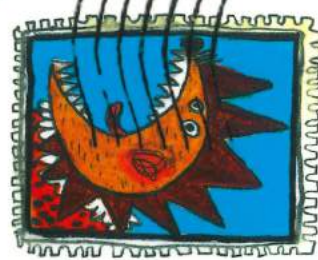


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Dear Teacher

By Amy Husband

PRIVATE



Me

Bruno

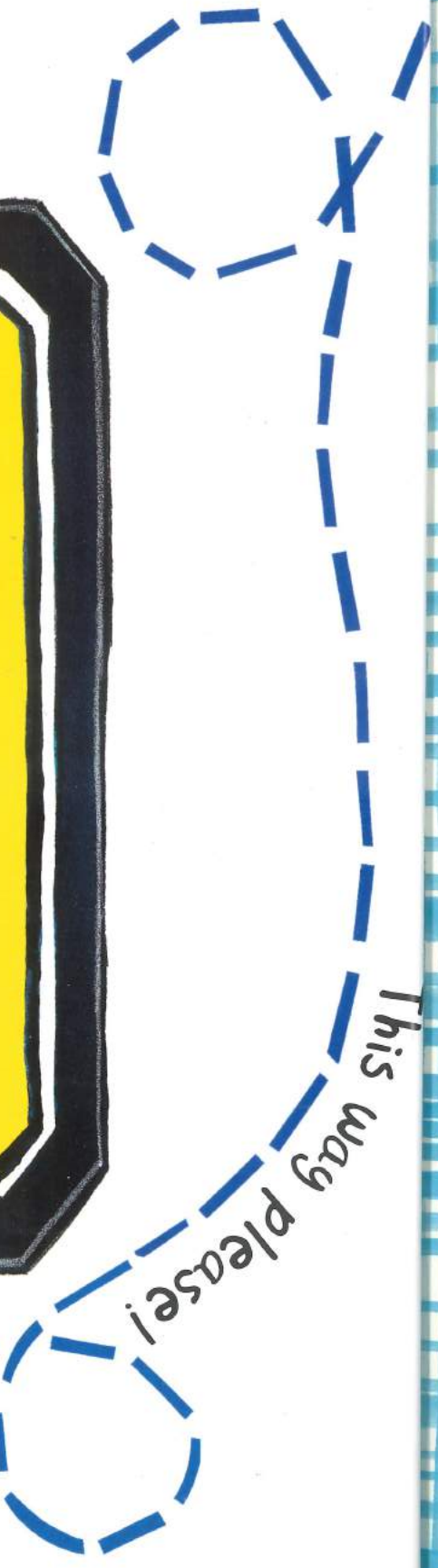




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By Amy Husband

Dear Teacher



This way please!



Open here



Friday, August 15th

Dear Michael,

We are looking forward to welcoming you back to school for the start of the new year. I hope you have had a really fun break and are ready to dive into lots of learning!

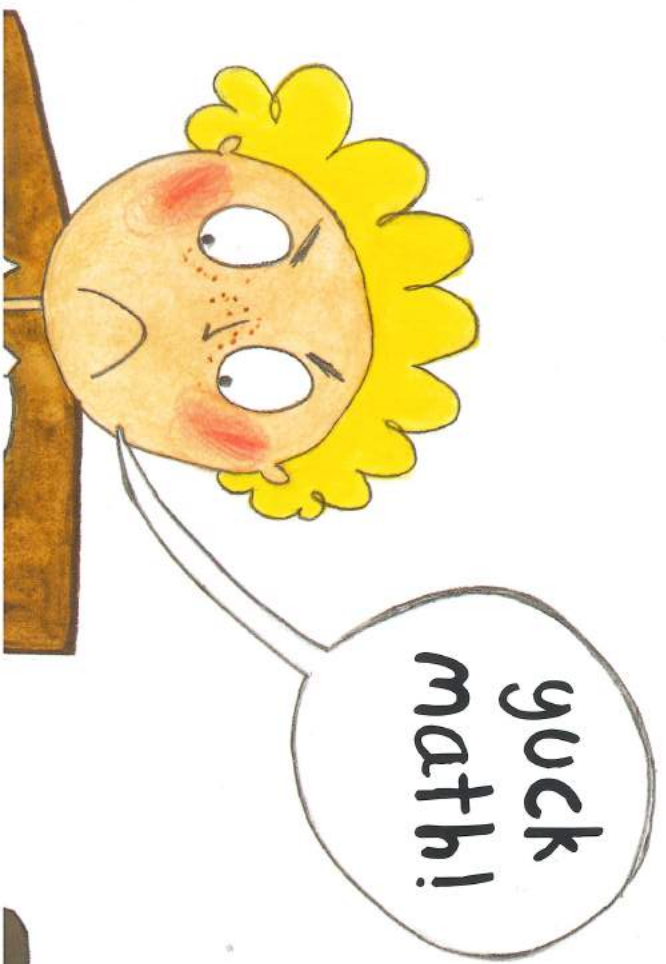
This year your class will be working especially hard in math, history, geography, and English. I am sure that if you study carefully, you will find those spelling tests can be a fun challenge!

Your new teacher is called Miss Brooks. She has all sorts of exciting plans for the new year. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

N.T. Grindstone

Mr. N. T. Grindstone  
Principal





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Dear Teacher,

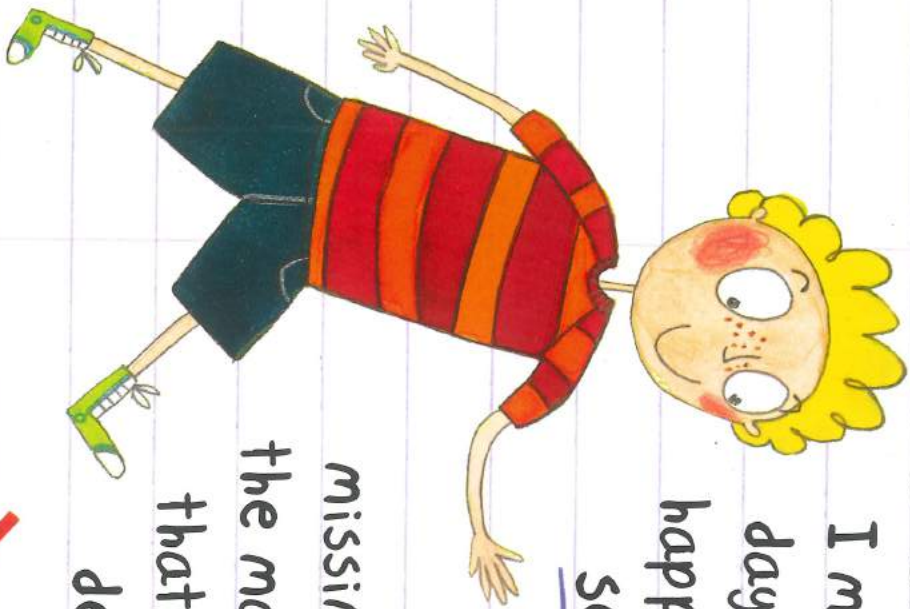
I might be a bit late for the first day of school. The weirdest thing happened today. The head of the secret service turned up!

the secret service man

They need me for a special secret mission to find a



missing explorer. I did mention the math test, but he just said that the future of the country depends on me. I couldn't say no. Sorry Miss Brooks.



(Fingers crossed I'll be back in time for the test!)



P.S. Bruno's coming with me—he makes a great bloodhound.

P.P.S. The stuff I've told you is Top Secret, so please eat this letter.

From Michael



My dog Bruno

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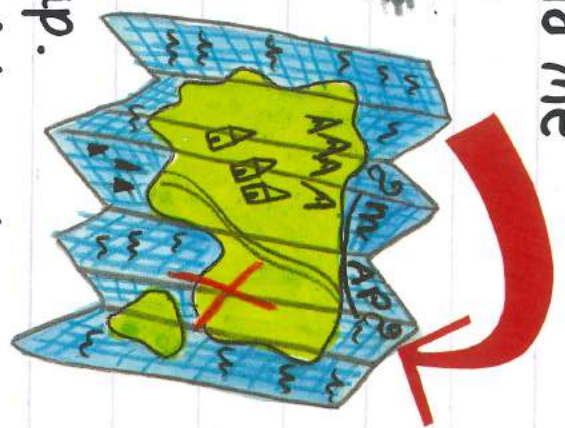
Missing Explorer

# Dear Teacher,

The explorer was stuck on top of Mount Everest! We rescued him and Bruno was awesome! I've never seen a dog go that fast before.

The explorer told me about an ancient treasure map ~~hidden~~ hidden in Egypt. He has a bad cold, so he wants me to search for the map.

(I did tell him I had to get back for the math test, but this is really important.)



I will probably only be a few hours late for the first day of school.

From Michael

P.S. Please don't let Nicholas sit in my place.





Dear Teacher,

I'm really sorry  
but I'll actually be a  
couple of days late  
for school. We hired  
a motorcycle  
and raced to the  
Pyramids but  
some baddies

chased us. Luckily I'm an excellent  
driver and we got away and hid onboard a boat.

Honest, Miss Brooks,  
I didn't know it  
was going to the  
Amazon River!  
The map says  
the treasure  
is hidden there  
so I might  
as well find it.

From Michael





TELEGRAM

TEACHER.

AMAZON VERY HOT AND DANGEROUS.

NO SIGN OF TREASURE.

SORRY ABOUT RIPPED PAPER.

ATTACKED BY CROC.

LIVING OFF BEETLES AND SPIDERS.

REALLY MISS PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES.

WILL BE EVEN LATER NOW.

HIPPO ATE COMPASS.

MICHAEL.

P.S. OH NO! SNAKES CAN SWIM!



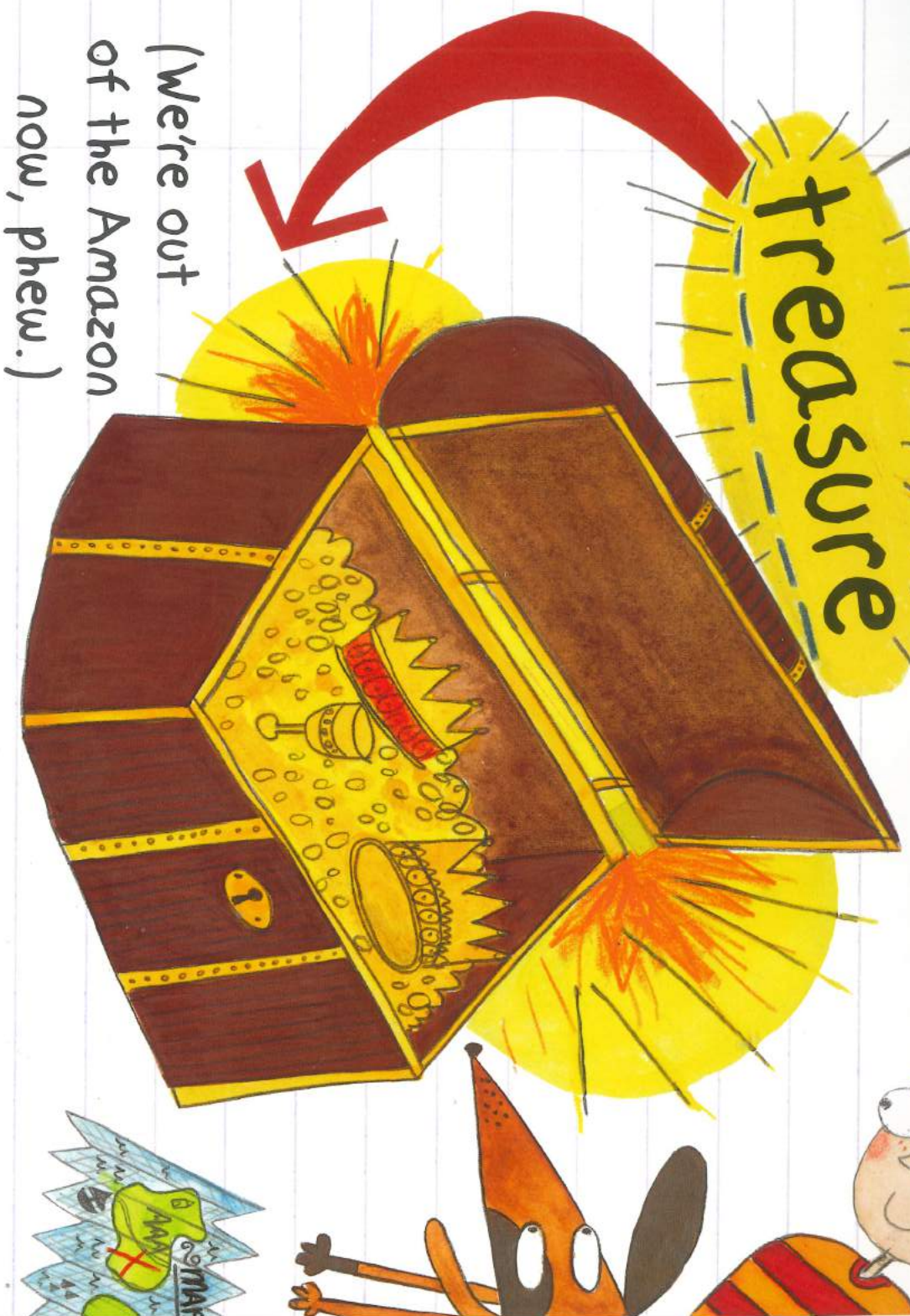


Dear Teacher,

Me &  
Bruno

We found the hidden treasure!

treasure



(We're out  
of the Amazon  
now, phew.)

~~It~~ It was hidden behind a waterfall, not  
by a river! Bruno was holding the map the  
wrong way. (Never trust a dog with a map.)

We'll head home as soon as we can find  
some transportation. The bad news is, I'll  
be really late for the start of school, sorry.

From Michael

P.S.

This is all still


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so don't tell anyone.





# Dear Teacher,



We found a boat home but Pirates attacked us! The Pirate King tied us up, stole the treasure, and made us walk the plank! Thank goodness Bruno and I are such good swimmers. I'm going to get the treasure back. This could make me really, really late! I'm really sorry, Miss Brooks, but I can't let the Pirate King get away with this.

From **Michael**

**P.S.** Please don't let Nicholas use my markers.

**P.P.S.** I don't mind if he takes my turn at tidying the storage cupboard.







Dear Teacher,

We found out where the pirates are going, and we've hired an airplane to try to cut them off. Wish us luck! We'll be a little longer than I thought, but don't worry, Miss Brooks, I can't wait to catch up on all the work.

From Michael

P.S. Bruno makes a super copilot, except when he tries to chase birds . . .







Dear Teacher,

We've tracked the pirates as far as the Orient Express now!

We nearly caught them a few times

(need to get Bruno a hair tie for

his ears) but they keep

getting away!



We'll get them

soon, I know it. I probably

won't be back for a while now, sorry.

From Michael



P.S. It's probably best not to mention this to Mom if you see her in the supermarket again.





# Dear Teacher,

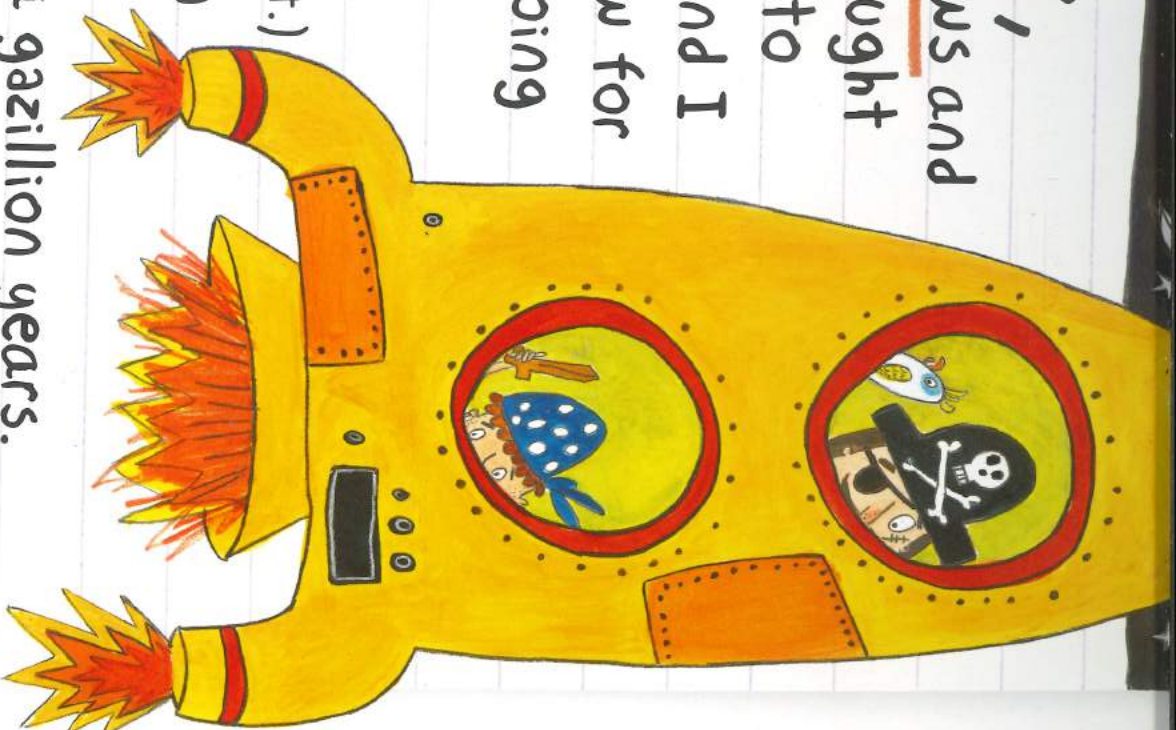
I've got some good news and some bad news. We caught the Pirate King trying to steal a rocket! Bruno and I stopped him though. Now for the bad news. I'm not going to be coming back ever. I'm really disappointed

(especially about the science test.)

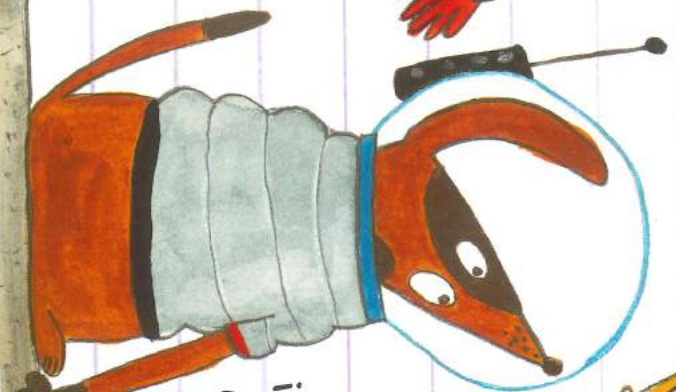
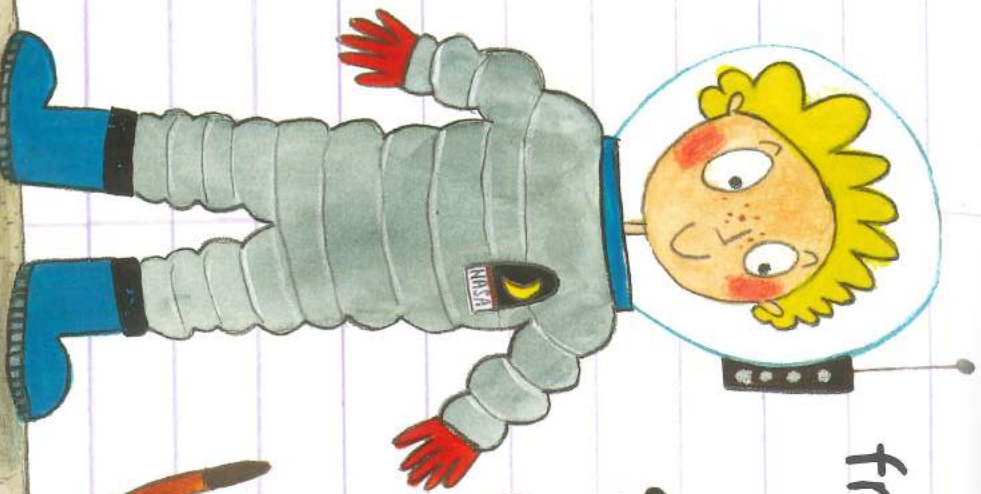
**NASA** wants me to go on a space mission.

I'll be on the moon for a gazillion years.

I told them about the math tests, but they said that the future of the planet has to come first. Bruno's coming too, so I won't be lonely.



from Michael



Very important man from NASA

P.S. Tell Nicholas he can use my markers as long as he puts the lids back on properly.







Sunnybank Elementary School

Friday, August 29th

Dear Michael,

Thank you for your letters. It sounds as though you have been very busy.

I am sorry to hear you won't be coming back to school this year, there is so much planned that you would have enjoyed (not including all the tests). We are going to be playing lots of soccer this year; I expect Nicholas will have to be captain now, and there's the science fair at midterm where everyone gets to invent something.

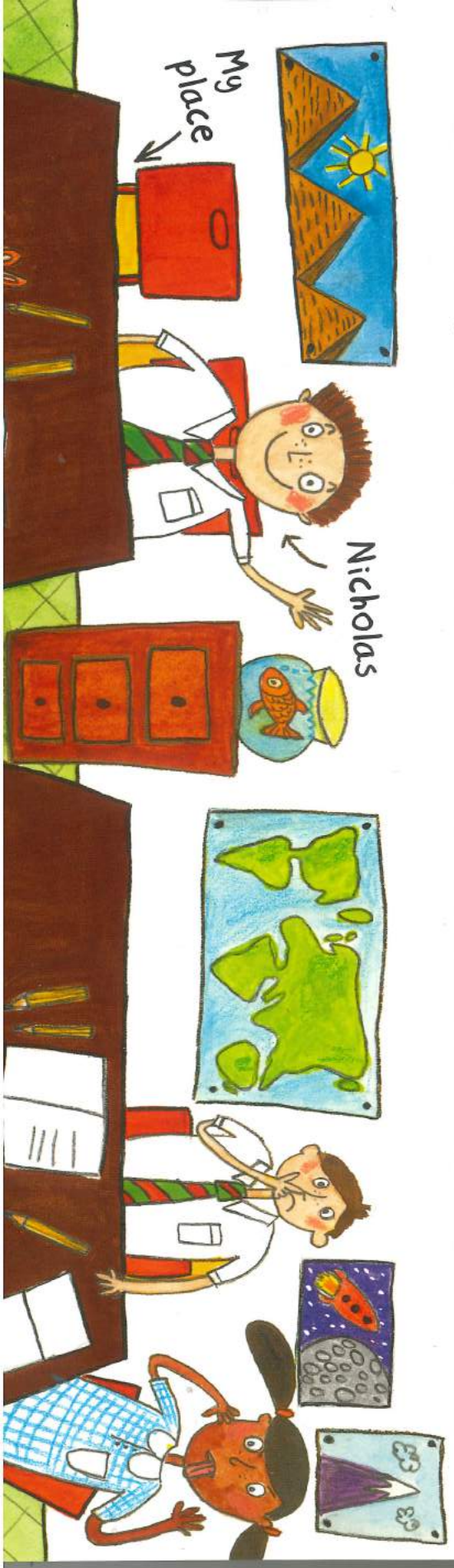
We're going on a school trip to the zoo next week, you'd have loved it! You could have told everyone about hippos, snakes, dolphins, and, of course, crocodile wrestling (I'm not so sure about eating spiders though). We're also having swimming lessons, which I think you'd have been very good at. Bruno sounds like a very unusual dog. It would have been great to meet him on Pet's Day later this semester.

Take care on the moon, Michael, I hear it can get a bit boring up there. We will think of you when we're making our giant model of the solar system. We'll save your place for Monday morning in case you can make it to school after all.

C Brooks

Miss C. Brooks

P.S. I saw your mother in the supermarket again today. Your baby brother was dressed as a pirate! What a coincidence! I nearly made a citizen's arrest as I thought he was the Pirate King.







# Post Card



The school trip to the zoo  
 is awesome! In fact it's so good,  
 I'm not coming home. The zookeeper  
 asked me to stay here to work with  
 the wild animals. Miss Brooks said it  
 would be okay with you. Don't bother  
 her about this though. I'll let you  
 know when you can come for a visit.  
 (Please send Bruno with some  
 peanut butter sandwiches.)

From Michael x

P.S. Nicholas is working here  
 too. I'm letting him do all  
 the sweeping in the elephant  
 and monkey habitats.

