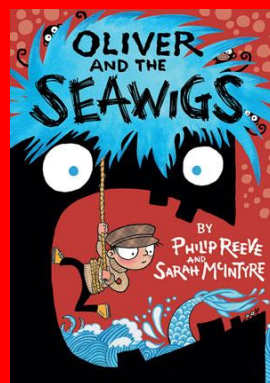




Year 6 – Term 1 - Book Warmer

Oliver and the Seawigs

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Oliver grew up in a family of explorers- but his biggest adventure is about to begin! Along with his new friends, a grumpy old albatross, a short-sighted mermaid and a friendly island called Cliff, Oliver goes off in search of his missing parents.

But before he can put his rescue plan into action there's the evil Stacey de Lacey and an army of greasy, green sea monkeys to contend with...



Meet the creators of Oliver and the Seawigs

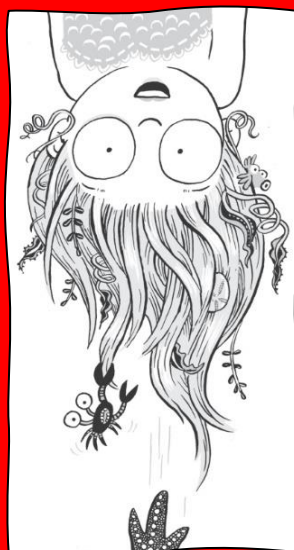
(Click on the picture of them to be taken to a short video)

They are creative collaborators behind several books.

Can you find a different one to read?



Themes;- comedy, trust, mistrust, injustice, poverty, loneliness, responsibility and kindness.



CHARACTERS

Oliver	10 year-old boy who has never been to school and just wants to go home to be a normal child and make friends.
Mum and Dad	Have always been explorers and although they love Oliver, they are easily distracted and get lost in the excitement of exploring.
Mr Culpeper	A wandering Albatross, who is very grumpy and lazy.
Iris	A short-sighted mermaid, who cannot sing a note in tune.
Cliff	A rambling island, who is teased by the other islands.
Thurstone	An evil, cruel rambling island.
Stacey de Lacey	A cruel boy, who wanted everything and wanted everyone to do as he said.

VOCABULARY

albatross	Large bird with long narrow wings
anguish	Great mental or physical pain
authority	A power or right to give orders.
bewildered	Great confusion- very puzzled
blighted	To destroy
collided	Forceful impact
composure	Ability to stay calm
crescendo	Loudest point reached
cascaded	Pour downwards rapidly
dinghy	A small inflatable boat
distraught	Someone who is very troubled, confused or has gone crazy
eccentric	Having habits which people think are odd or peculiar
flimsy	Weak inadequate
fissures	Narrow opening or crack of considerable length
launched	To throw, to release
mischief	Playful misbehaviour
nonchalantly	Seeming calm and not worried
obnoxious	Extremely unpleasant
perplexed	Puzzled and confused
relic	Something old and historic
repulsive	Horrible and disgusting
Short-sighted	Unable to see clearly unless close to your eyes.
successor	Person who takes over a job
tittering	A quiet nervous laugh
wielding	Carrying and using a weapon