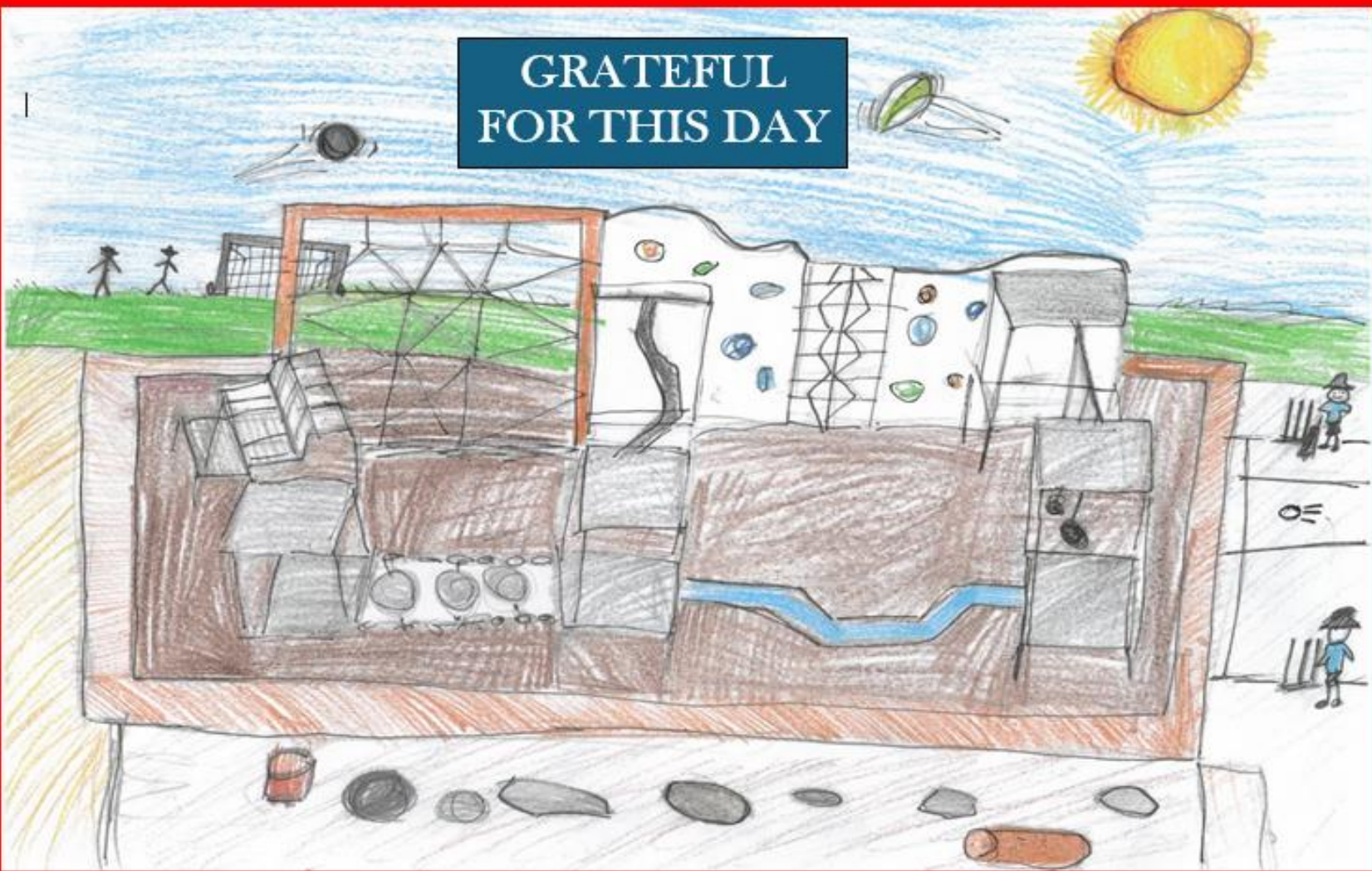


GRATEFUL
FOR THIS DAY





With my shiny school shoes, and excitement on my face

At St Therese's, every person has a place

The native garden, the buzzing bee

I'm feeling confident, there's many smiles to see.



“Bye Mum, Bye Dad, I’ll be brave,”

I think back to this morning when Dad had a shave!

“Thanks for dropping me off, you’re the best! I wonder by 3pm will my hair be a mess?”



I see new Kinder friends

Great haircuts, blue bows at hair ends

I move around, everywhere I look

There seems to be a little nook

With children laughing in there

Come on people- beware!



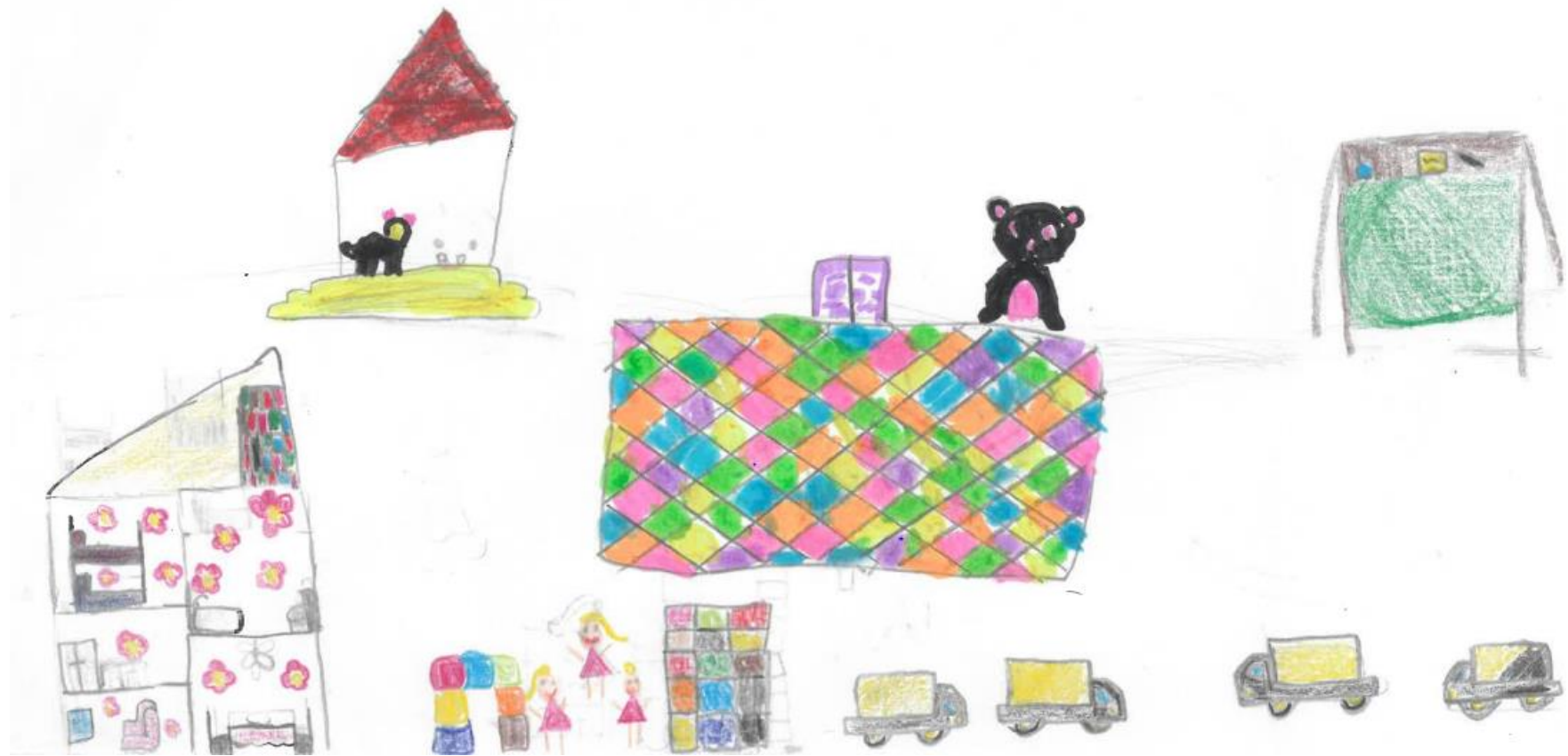
**I line up outside, it's like magic Kaboom!
We wait excitedly, near the classroom
The teacher is there, so sweet and happy
Caring and smiling whilst turning the key.**



**The day begins, the teacher starts to read
I start feeling sleepy and slowly breathe
Picture by picture, page by page
This is my favourite time of the day.**



**It's fruit break, so many colours to eat
We sit together, chat, eat and repeat
I love to eat fruit for school each day
It helps my brain, to learn, laugh and play.**



**It's imaginative play, my face lit with joy
My eyes wander over to many a toy
Trucks, blocks, toy kitchens, a doll's house
I tip toe quietly, just like a mouse.**



They show us our buddies, they're mature, big and tall

My buddy is sporty and throws me a ball

They show us around, which is awesome and fun

My buddy in full uniform, her hair in a bun.



**It's lunch time, I'm on the monkey bar
Beneath me, the ground looks so far
To the buddies I call
'Will you catch me if I fall?'**



During lunch time play, I'm skipping and do a hop

I get so tired, but I just can't stop

To be with new friends

I just don't want this day to end...



Lunch ends, the school tour begins, there's so many faces

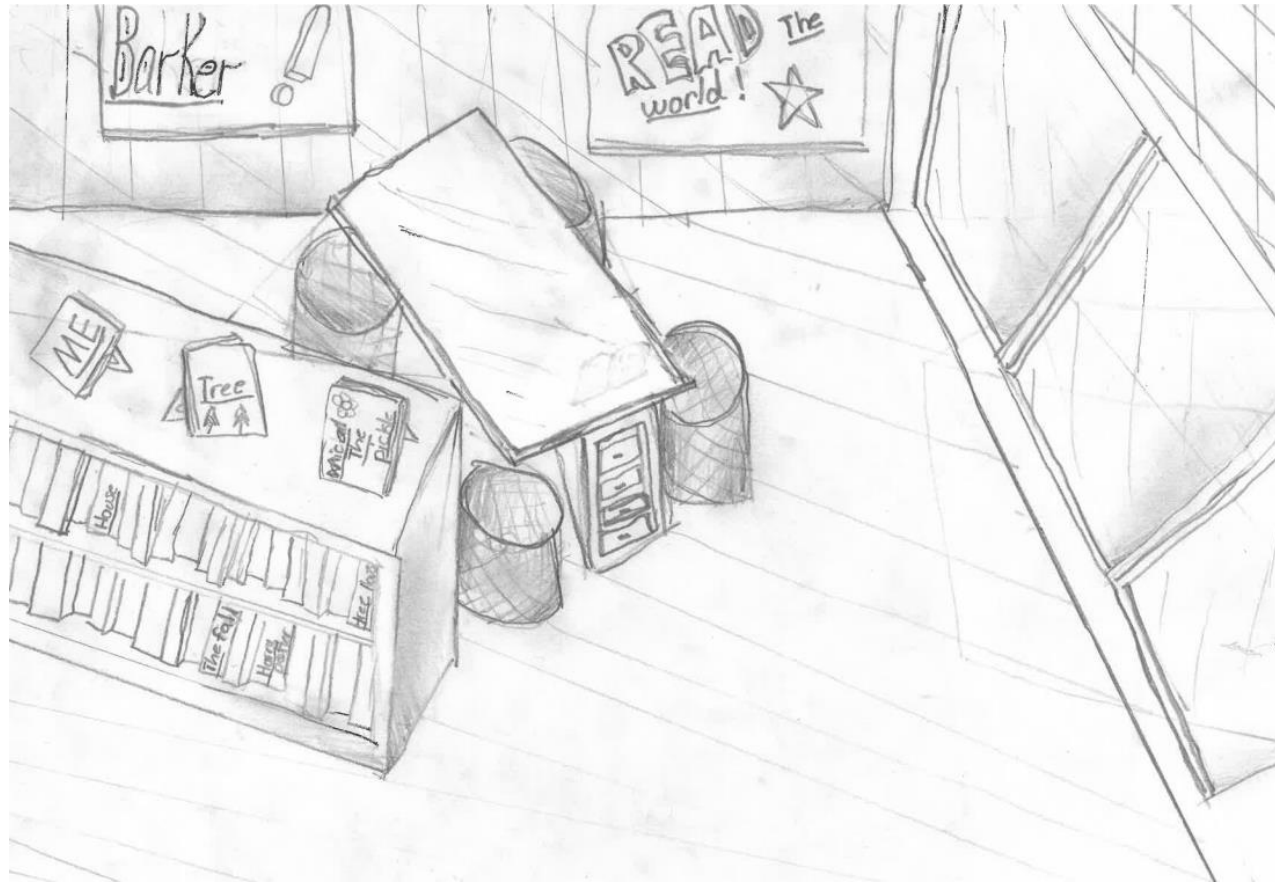
All of their things have special places

I'm so excited to start school here

Am full of happiness and cheer.



**Primary classrooms so high
So many steps,
I do a sigh
The buildings tower overhead
And the children- so well read!**



I walk past the library, there are so many books!

Books on dinosaurs and how to be cooks

Now I hear music, it's the room with the beat

Children are clicking and moving their feet.



**The teacher starts clicking, the music's on,
I can't stop dancing, I'm consumed by the song
We twirl and whirl, there are jiggles
We think we're as good as The Wiggles!**



And now starts Maths, I'm working with my friends

We're all so clever, counting beyond ten

I feel that Maths is really, really tops

We continually do skip counts and extra hops.



**At recess we play
On this bright sunny day
I laugh with my friends; it is so much fun
And I play non-stop until recess is done.**



**In meditation, cooling down and calm fills my head
My belly feels warm, full of delicious ham and bread.
I say thank you to my feet for carrying me around
I say thank you to my mouth for letting me make sound.**



**We end the day with a special prayer
Reflecting on friendship and how we all care
Beautiful manners and kindness, the teacher sees
So grateful for this day and that my school is St Therese's.**



This poetic Picture Book was written by talented writers in Year 5 and illustrated by exceptional artists across the school. It recounts what makes the first day at school special and memorable. At St Therese's Primary School, we live by our Mercy Values and show gratitude for all we encounter each day. Each page in this book focusses on something we can be grateful for at school such as smiling friends, caring teachers, buddies and the simple joys of play.