



November 2022

Hi Everyone,

Thank you to everyone who is encouraging their child to read at home, it is great to see so many children in KS1 achieving their Reading Karate bands and looking forward to Hot Chocolate with those KS2 readers.

I hope you enjoy finding out what we have been up to this month.

Mrs Hall

**Please remember to use the school website for tips and information about Reading through Curriculum > English > Reading**

[www.st-marys-ce-pz.cornwall.sch.uk/website](http://www.st-marys-ce-pz.cornwall.sch.uk/website)



### Our Class Texts:

The children are busy sharing these texts for enjoyment with their class teacher/s.

**Orange**—The Gruffalos Child by Julia Donaldson

**Yellow**—Super Dad's Day Off by Phil Earle

**Green**—The Dragon sitter in the land of the dragons by Josh Lacey

**Blue**—Matilda by Roald Dahl

**Indigo**—Tyger by SF Said

**Violet**— Lion Boy by Zizou Corder

### Our reading skill of the month:

The children have been working hard to improve their understanding of the texts that they read. We use 'Reading VIPERS' to do this. One of the skills we have focused on this month is '**Predicting**'. This is when the reader needs to use the information that is given, or implied by the text, combined with their own life experiences, to make a sensible guess about what has happened, or what will happen. Have a go with the picture below.

- What kind of monster is this?
- Where did it come from? Has it been here before?
- What do you think the kitten is dreaming of?
- What is the monster going to do?
- What do you think will happen next?

Continue this story – include an unexpected twist.



### Hook a book

*Our school Book Swap is up and running!*

At the end of each day a trolley/box will be wheeled out (or just inside the door on a rainy day) for you to take a from home.

Once you have finished the book bring it back and swap it with another one.

Please feel free to bring in a good condition and pop into the Wicker Book in Reception. Your donations help us make it possible for every child to have new books to take home.

## Recent reading events at school.

Every class celebrated National Poetry Day on Thursday 6th October. We have created a Poe-tree, why not pop into school and have a read of our amazing poems?

Here is one to wet your appetite...We Thank you Earth

For all you are worth.  
You're always such a....

Spherical spinner,  
Galaxy glancer,  
Star gazer,  
Solar seeker.

Weather controller,  
Water container,  
Sea splasher,  
Season passer.

Spring bloomer,  
Summer Shiner  
Autumn bringer.  
Winter chiller,

Life giver,  
Human holder,  
Animal lover,  
Plant owner.

Joyful creator,  
Global grower

Third in line, there's nothing greater than it,  
Please help us all to look after our planet!

On Monday 14th November we welcomed author Craig Barr-Green into school to discover what it is like to be an author.

*Craig was eager to answer our questions—Elijah*

*He could inspire one of us to become an author—Elsa*



## Word of the month

Just for fun we are continuing with our 'word of the month' for you and your children to try and use at home.

### **gargantuan (adjective)**

Tremendous in size, volume or degree

## Our language development tip of the month:

**EYFS**– repeat or rephrase a sentence that your child says in a grammatically correct way if needed.

**KS1**– encourage your child to say how things need to be done by using adverbs, e.g. Let's

## Hot off the press and old classics, our monthly recommendations.

Get yourself down to Penzance Library, or open your Borrowbox and see if any of these crackers are available for you to share with your child.

Carnival of the clocks—Nick Sharratt

The Storm Whale—Benji Davies

The Demon Headmaster—Gillian Cross

