



Hi Everyone,

Thank you to all those who engaged in the Reading newsletters last year, we have received some extremely positive feedback from parents and carers.

Next week we will be resharing with you your child's Borrowbox passwords as this is a fabulous resource with a wide range of literature for the children to enjoy freely.

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

Our Class Texts:

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

Orange—Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

Yellow—Meesha makes friend by Tom Percival

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

Blue—Stig of the Dump by Clive King

Indigo—The Night Bud Hero by Onjali Q. Raúf

Violet—Street Child by Berlie Doherty

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 'Retrieving'. This is when the answer to a question is in the text, and the reader needs to skim through to find the subject of the question so that they find the correct answer. Popular question starters for retrieving include:



Who?

Where?

When

How many?

What

Reading Karate

We have restarted our Reading Karate challenge primarily for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Remember the more you read at home, the more wristbands and certificates you can earn. There is also a BOOK TOKEN for the child in each class who has read at home the most by the end of the school year!

Keep up the good work!

We are looking into a new incentive for KS2...

Recent reading events at school.

We have had several events at school recently to celebrate our love of reading: we have relaunched our popular Chatterbooks Book Club with Penzance Library. Each class enjoyed a fun packed National Poetry Day enjoying poems around the theme “The Environment” We have many more opportunities planned, including: each class having a visit from Craig Barr-Green to work on becoming an author, revamping our outdoor library, led by the Year 6 librarians and every class acquiring their own card and visiting the Library before Christmas. Please keep your eyes out for more information about these events.

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.

Charisma (noun)

a special charm or public appeal

Our language development tip of the month:

EYFS– Encourage your child to join in with familiar phrases or actions with stories that they listen to.

KS1– share other words that mean the same thing as a word your child uses– this will develop their vocabulary. E.g. enormous, large, huge.

KS2: encourage your child to use the context of a sentence to understand the meaning of an unfamiliar word.

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.

Blow a kiss catch a kiss– Joseph Coelho

Small!—Hannah Moffatt

Meanwhile back on earth—Oliver Jeffers

