



Hi Everyone,

Thank you all for engaging with our previous reading newsletters. We are at an exciting point in our reading journey at St. Mary's, there have been numerous changes over the last two months which this will inform you about.

Please remember to keep on reading at home, and to make use of the resources such as Borrowbox and Readtheory.

Mr Varker

**Please remember to use the 'Curriculum' tab on the school website for tips and information about Reading.** [www.st-marys-ce-pz.cornwall.sch.uk/website](http://www.st-marys-ce-pz.cornwall.sch.uk/website)

### **Cornwall library service online.**

Cornwall Library Service has a comprehensive online library that is completely free and includes many excellent resources for children, including comics.

You can access it if you have a Cornwall Library Membership—this is free to all.

Why don't you follow the link and find out.

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/libraries-museums-and-archives/libraries/](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/libraries-museums-and-archives/libraries/)

### **Reading Karate**

It has been fantastic to see lots of children receiving their reading karate certificates in assembly. Please remember to return the wristbands that you have before you are given the next colour.

To see who's been reading lots at home, please look at the main school newsletter.

### **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 'Retrieval'. This is when the reader needs to find the answer that is in the text. The beginning of a question can be helpful in determining the information you are looking for:

Who? A name or character.

Where? A place.

How many? A number.

What? A reason.

## Early Reading with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised

We have recently started using a new programme to teach Phonics and Early Reading. This package has been verified by the government and provides not only daily Phonics lessons, but also regular reading sessions that encourage the children to read with fluency and expression. Books are closely matched with the child's knowledge of sounds and we have already seen fantastic progress by the pupils that are using it.

### Library Club:

Mrs Spry has been busy setting up a new club in school to promote the love of reading and use of the school library and book swap. If it sounds like the kind of things your child might enjoy, then please ask at the office for more information and to sign up.

### Comic club:

For the final half term we will be launching an e-comic club for Key Stage 2 children. It will involve accessing material on the Cornwall Library Service website so it would be advantageous if you are a library member. If you are not, then we can get you signed up completely free.

### Hot off the press and old classics, our monthly recommendations, brought to you by the pupils of our school:

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.

Be Brave Little Penguin—Giles Andreae

To the Edge of the World - Julia Green

