



Hi Everyone,

Thank you for engaging with our November Reading newsletter, we have received some extremely positive feedback from parents and carers.

Thank you to everyone who is encouraging their child to read at home, it is great to see so many children achieving their Reading Karate bands, and to hear children recommending books that they love to each other. Please continue to encourage your child to read over the Christmas Holiday.

Mr Varker

Please remember to use the 'Reading' tab on the school website for tips and information about Reading. www.st-marys-ce-pz.cornwall.sch.uk/website

Penzance Library at St. John's Hall

If you are looking for something to do to pass your time, then why don't you take your family down to the library and sign-up for a free membership. As well as the fantastic range of free books at the library, your membership gives you access to APPs where you or your child can get free magazines, audio books, and comics to read. Pop along this holiday and sign-up!

Reading Karate

We have restarted our Reading Karate challenge. 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!

Keep your eyes on the school's weekly newsletter to find out who has been reading lots!

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.



Picture/question content courtesy of www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/

Recent reading events at school.

Just a reminder to everyone that our school Book Swap is up and running. Please feel free to bring in a good condition, child's book from home to swap for another from our selection.

On Thursday 20th January at 9:00am, we will be running our next Reading Café where people can come and share books with children from 0-4 years old. This is not exclusive to parents at our school, so please spread the word!

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.

tempestuous (adjective)

very stormy or

strong and turbulent or conflicting emotion

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 **neatly** wrap the Christmas presents.

KS2: - Choose a word of the day or the week and use it as well as synonyms for it as often as you can.

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.

The house with Chicken Legs– Sophie Anderson

The Giant of Jum—Benji Davies

