



Hi Everyone,

Thank you for engaging with our first 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.

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

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](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.

**Class 3** Ancient Egypt by Tom Fletcher

**Class 4** The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf

**Class 5** The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

**Class 6** Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick

### 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 'Inferring'. This is when the answer to a question is not directly in the text, however we can use the evidence, or clues, in the text to help us. Once we have found the evidence, then we can use our own experiences and understanding of the world to come up with an answer. Have a go with the picture below.



- What is the dad doing?
- Why is the girl standing behind him?
- Why is she dragging a kite on the floor?
- Has she said anything to him? Does he know she's there?
- How is she feeling? What is she thinking?

Picture/question content courtesy of [www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/](http://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/)

### 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!

## Recent reading events at school.

We have had several events at school recently to celebrate our love of reading: our 'Reading Café' opened on Wednesday 3rd November; children in Year 6 have been sharing books with their Reception Class buddies; and we have launched our Chatterbooks Book Club with Penzance Library. We have many more opportunities planned, including: a brand new Comic Book Club; using the school's Book Swap; and beginning lunch time stories for the children, led by the Year 6 librarians. 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.

### Flourish (verb)

Grow or develop in a healthy way **or** wave something about to attract attention.

## 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.

Giraffes Can't Dance– Giles Andrade

Great Adventures—Alastair Humphreys

October October—Katya Balen

