



St Teresa's  
Catholic Primary School  
Doing the little things well

Reading Newsletter  
Autumn Term 1  
2023



Welcome back after a summer we hope was full of reading! Our reading newsletters will keep you updated with everything that is happening at school regarding reading as well as introduce you to new authors and illustrators and recommend books we think everyone should be reading.

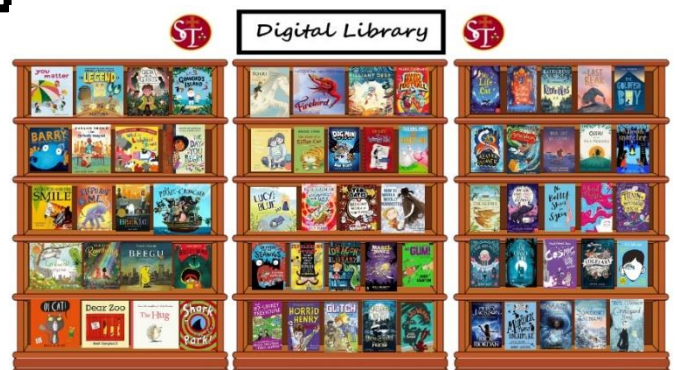
This half term, we meet the Reading Squad – we have so much to tell you.

The Reading Squad members are Julian, Narrissa, Samantha, Dawid, Nye, Leighton, Harry and Ellie and their mission is to make sure everyone knows how amazing reading is! We will write the reading newsletters (with help from Mrs Glenton) to keep everyone up-to-date with new books and authors, keep the books and reading areas tidy for everyone to enjoy and recommend stories to others.

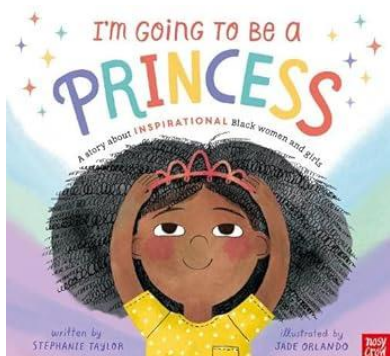
We have managed to secure another year for subscription boxes for all 4 phases so that children can receive a gift box every 2 months that will always contain 2 new books to be added to our library.

We have 'little libraries' that are filled with different titles for the children in Key Stage 1 and 2 to enjoy at playtimes and lunchtimes while sat on our lovely, large, waterproof bean bags.

We have digital libraries available through the school website. There are lots of books to choose from (as well as spooky and Christmas themed books). Simply click on the cover and part of or the whole book will be read by the author themselves.



## New book Recommendations



I Am Going To Be a Princess by Stephanie Taylor  
5+

What will Maya be when she grows up? A rocket scientist like Annie Easley? An Olympic athlete like Alice Coachman? A brain surgeon like Alexa Canady? In this heart-warming and funny story, Maya discovers the achievements of some incredible Black women . . . but it's a brave Nigerian princess who really captures her imagination! Harry (Reading Squad) says, "It is told through a conversation between the little girls and her mum on the way from school where they talk about careers and inspirational black women."

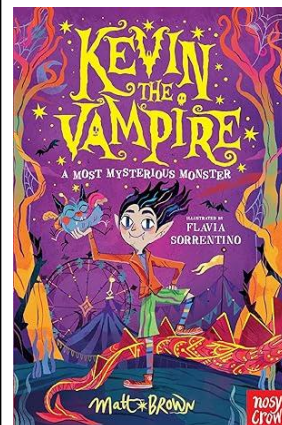


Kevin the Vampire by Matt Brown

7-10 years

Kevin Aurelius is just like any other almost eleven-year-old. Well, apart from his fangs obviously. And that he's immortal. Oh and did I mention he's a vampire? Together with his vampire parents and annoying older siblings, Kevin's on his way to Monstros City when, due to dodgy batnav, they get stranded in a strange, quiet place full of humans called Lower Drudging. With empty coffers in need of filling, their only choice is to put on an impromptu carnival to earn the gold they need to get back on their way. But Lower Drudging has a monstrous secret of its own. A secret that is old, very hungry and has just woken up! It's up to Kevin and his new best friend Susie to save the town - or else!

Ellie (Reading Squad) says, "I think this was a very good book as it tells the story of a young vampire called Kevin who save his town from a monster who has been asleep for 73 years."



The Final Year by Matt Goodfellow

8-12 years

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery.

But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital.

His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

Leighton (Reading Squad) says, "This is a heart-warming story and very moving book. I love it and it'll change the way you look at life. A powerful story told in verse about finding your voice."



## Events

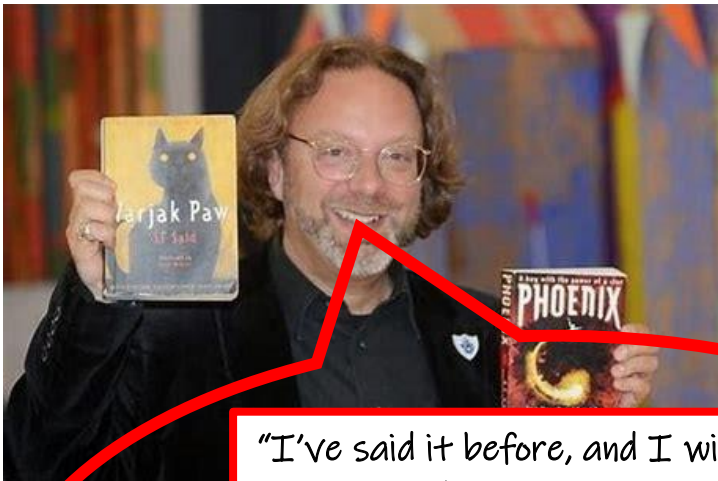


October 5<sup>th</sup> 2023 was National Poetry Day and the theme was Refuge. Classes read different poems based on this theme and even wrote some of their own poems.

Before the summer holidays, we held a book sale. Although it was raining, we didn't let the weather dampen our spirits and we managed to raise £76.60. Thank you everyone who came and bought a book.

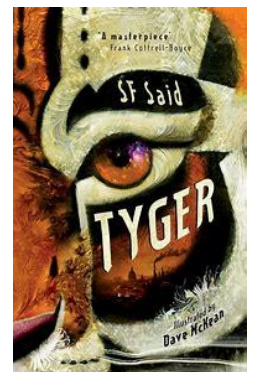


On November 10<sup>th</sup>, Classes 8, 9 and 10 will be taking part in a virtual Author event with Book Trust author in resident SF Said

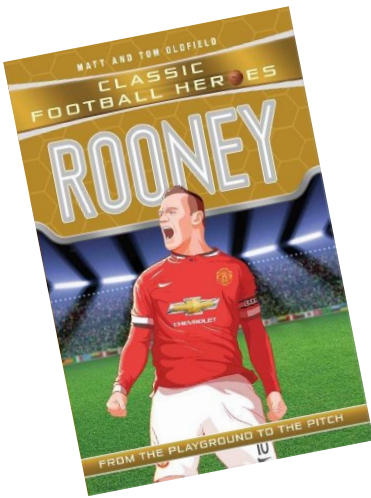


SF Said, author of Varjak Paw, The Outlaw Varjak Paw, Phoenix and his new book: Tyger

"I've said it before, and I will say it again. Reading for pleasure has the most powerful, positive impact of any factor on children's life chances. So, if you want to change their lives – make books and reading central to everything you do. And let them enjoy it!"



## Pupil recommendations



Dawid recommends!

Dawid (Class 10 and Reading Squad member) recommends *Classic Football Heroes: Rooney* by Matt and Tom Oldfield

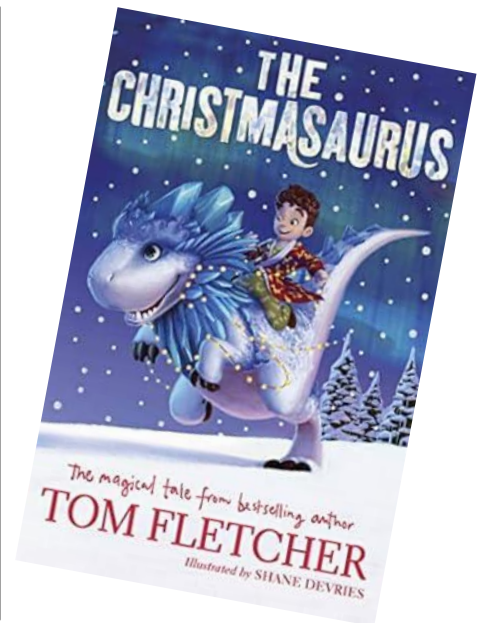
"This book is about a boy who grew up to be a skilled footballer!"



Julian Recommends!

Julian (Class 10 and Reading Squad member) recommends *The Christmasaurus* by Tom Fletcher

"I love this book because it is about dinosaurs and the story is just amazing. It is also fun to read."



Harry recommends!

Harry (Class 10 and Reading Squad member) recommends *Danny Champion of the World* by Roald Dahl

"It is an adventure story based on 2 main characters named Danny and his dad. It's exciting and keeps the reader intrigued. It's based on Danny's life and the adventures he has."

