



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School
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Reading Newsletter
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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.

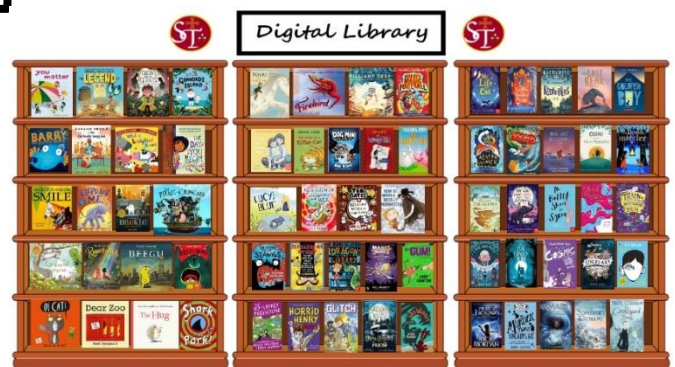
This half term, we meet the Reading Squad – we have so much to tell you.

The Reading Squad members are Katie, Henry, Harley, Hannah, Lola, Helaina, Chloe, Emilia and Scarlett and their mission is to make sure everyone knows how amazing reading is! We will read stories to others, 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 will be 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



Pick a Story: A Pirate-Alien-Jungle Adventure by Sarah Coyle

Aimed at 3+

The first in a sparkling new series of 'pick your own' picture book adventures! Do you love pirates? How about aliens? And jungle animals? Find them ALL in the pages of this laugh-out-loud interactive adventure! Vincent's dog, Trouble, has DISAPPEARED and he needs YOUR help. Has Trouble been stolen by aliens? Or pilfered by pirates? Is she exploring the jungle? It's up to YOU to decide!

Discover not one but THREE fun-filled worlds in this PICK A STORY adventure. You'll find twists and turns, hilarious characters . . . and decisions to make on every page. So, what are you waiting for? Come on in and join the fun!

Space Blasters: Suzie Saves the Universe by Kevin and Katie Tsang

Aimed at 6+

Suzie Wen LOVES gadgets and inventing things – but her inventions don't always turn out how she expects . . . And when Suzie invents the Super 3DTV Gizmo she ends up getting transported into her favourite TV show – Space Blasters! On board the spaceship with Captain Jane, Spaceman Jack and alien with attitude Five-Eyed Frank, Suzie is soon exploring new planets – like the smelly Planet Cheddar – and meeting plenty of aliens. But when moons start disappearing, it's up to Suzie to save the universe. Can she put her inventing skills to use? And will she ever get home?



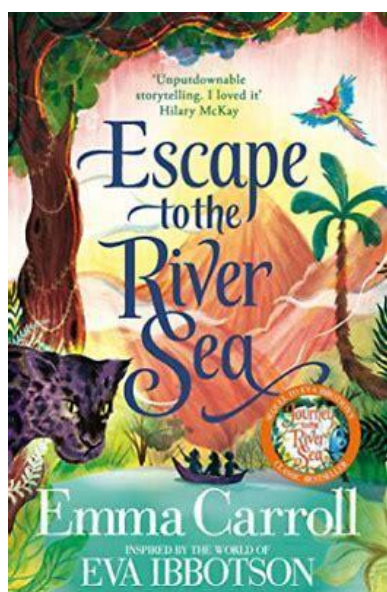
Escape to the River Sea by Emma Carroll

Aimed at 9+

In 1946, Rosa Sweetman, a young Kindertransport girl, is longing for her family to claim her. The war in Europe is over and she is the only child left at Westwood, a rambling country estate in the north of England, where she'd taken refuge seven years earlier.

The arrival of a friend of the family, Yara Fielding, starts an adventure that will take Rosa deep into the lush beauty of the Amazon rainforest in search of jaguars, ancient giant sloths and somewhere to belong. What she finds is Yara's lively, welcoming family on the banks of the river and, together, they face a danger greater than she could ever have imagined.

Featuring places and characters known and loved by fans of *Journey to the River Sea* (including, among others, Maia, Finn, Miss Minton and Clovis) this spectacular new chapter in the story tells of the next generation and the growing threats to the Amazon rainforest that continue to this day.



Events



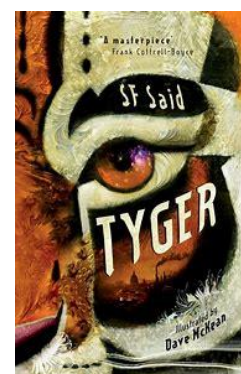
October 6th 2022 is National Poetry Day and to celebrate this, each class will study a poem written by Joseph Coelho. Joseph Coelho is a British poet and children's book author who was elected Children's Laureate in 2022. He has dedicated his career to making poetry accessible to all, with a focus on children and young people.

You may have noticed some new and exciting books coming home with the children. We have replaced many of the older books with new titles and we think they are fantastic. It would be wonderful for you to share these books with your children at home. In the covers of the books, there are lots of ways for you to share the stories together as although the children will recognise some sounds and words, they will need help to read the rest.

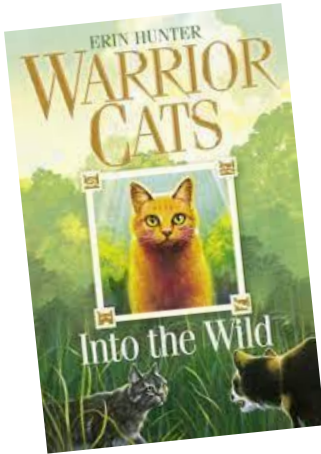


SF Said, author of Varjak Paw, The Outlaw Varjak Paw, Phoenix and his new book: Tyger

"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 chance. So, if you want to change their lives – make books and reading central to everything you do. And let them enjoy it!"



Pupil recommendations



Emilia recommends!

Emilia (Class 10 and Reading Squad member) recommends Warrior Cats by Erin Hunter

“This is a series of books that are all about cats – I love cats!”



Isaac Recommends!

Isaac (Class 6) recommends Stig of the Dump by Clive King

“I love Stig of the Dump because it tells out about things that happen in the Stone Age and it's adventurous. I really like adventure stories.”



Poppy recommends!

Poppy (Class 2) recommends The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

“I love this book because it has a lot of animals and I love animals!”

