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ENGLISH UPDATE - SPRING TERM 2020

There's been so much going on in English, it's hard to fit it all into one newsletter article. I'm going to try and give you a flavour; please let me know if you'd like any further information or you have any other feedback (kjelbert@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk)!

THIS YEAR'S ACTION PLAN

Our targets this year continue from our previous actions, building onto work that we've done in the last few years. The Renewed Ofsted Framework has also been the catalyst for some of our ideas. At St Hilary, we have always been firm-believers that reading is fundamental for our children to go on to achieve success in their future lives and Ofsted has now authenticated this, placing a huge amount of emphasis on reading in the curriculum, particularly early reading and children reading for pleasure.

Our main aim for this year reflects this and the other two priorities build on it, ensuring that our children receive high-quality English teaching, interwoven within our exciting and inspiring curriculum.

AIMS:

- READING
 - a) further develop a positive reading culture by fostering a deep love of books
 - b) make the most of opportunities to enhance our wider curriculum



2) WRITING/SPAG
ensure that units of learning are planned coherently and purposefully around
quality texts, incorporating integrated opportunities for SPaG, reading
comprehension and writing for a purpose



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further develop oracy skills by applying and embedding best-practice strategies in all areas of



READING FOR PLEASURE



I'm sure you will have seen the social media posts about the amazing work of our Pupil Parliament and PTA in searching for new books for our school library and our classrooms. We are using the www.BooksforTopics.com booklists to ensure that our children have easy access to these high-quality texts: fiction, non-fiction and poetry. There are classics on the list (that you will have read when you were growing up!) and newer books that I'm sure are the classics of the future.



One of my first jobs this year was to make signs for each classroom door to indicate the current class reader in each class. I also had fun making Bitmojis of the staff to show the children that we still continue to read as adults. We want to be reading role-models for our children—so far, there's been lots of positive talk about it from the children.

Can you guess who this is?

..RESULTS FROM PUPIL SURVEY

Main headlines:

89% of our KS2 children enjoy reading in school

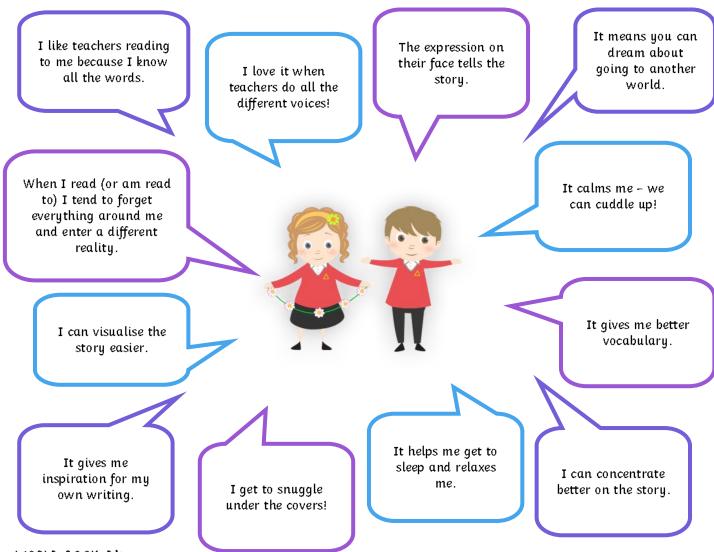
76% can name 5 children's authors

99% of children think of their teacher as a reader

95% think that St Hilary is a 'Reading School'

92% see reading as 'cool'

These are great results, but there is room for improvement - let's work together to get those stats up to 100%!



WORLD BOOK DAY

Due to the St Piran's Day Parade being held on the same day as this year's WBD, we are going to celebrate the week before on **Thursday the 27th of February**.

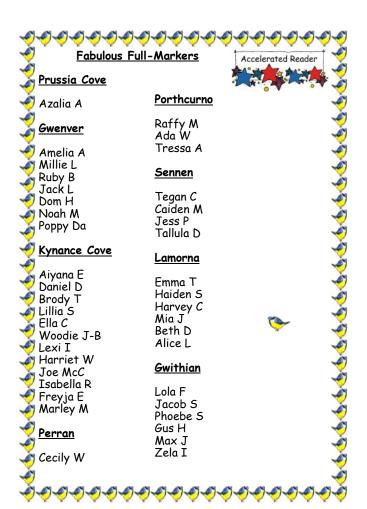
We are inviting the children to show off their love of language by holding a 'Vocabulary Parade' – choose a word you love and then match your outfit to the word! If you need some inspiration, there are some great examples on Google images.



BOOK FAIR

There's still time for you to attend our Book Fair - we'll be in the Hall between 3pm and 4.30ish next Tuesday or, if you'd rather order online, please take a look at http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-hilary. Our Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by February 13th, 2020.

WELL, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FOR NOW...I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER FILLED TWO PAGES OF THE NEWSLETTER BEFORE! THANKS FOR STICKING WITH IT. MISS JELBERT (ENGLISH LEADER)



CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 31ST JANUARY 2020

Perran - Sophie S, Shiloh T & Charlie S

Prussia Cove - Pippa L & Erin M-J
Porthcurno - Indie-Rose M & Maddie S
Sennen - Tallula D & George S
Kynance Cove - Aiyana E & Archie D
Gwithian - Maximus J & Ava C
Gwenver - Ruby S & Millie L
Lamorna - Matt M & Beth W-R

MATHS SHED

Mathstronaut - Thomas L (Sennen)
Top Class - Sennen



SPELLING SHED

Speller of the Week - Corey S (Kynance Cove)

Top Class - Kynance Cove

Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Gwenver with 99.2% Well done all.





TERM DATES 2020

SPRING TERM - 6th January 2020 - 27th March 2020

Half Term - w/c 17th February 2020

End of Term - 27th March 2020

SUMMER TERM - 14th April 2020 - 23rd July 2020

May Day Bank Holiday - 8th May 2020

Half Term - w/c 25th May 2020

Training Day - 1st June 2020

End of term - 21st July 2020

AUTUMN TERM - 3rd September 2020 - 18th December

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Half Term - w/c 26th October 2020

End of Term - 18th December 2020

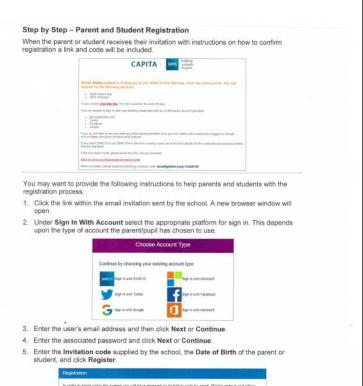
PUPIL CONTACT INFORMATION

As you know we moved to the SIMS Parent Lite app for the purpose of complying with GDPR for collecting and managing pupil data from parents. What this means is that unless a parent comes in to request a paper copy of the data (the old data checking sheets) this is the only way we are informed of any changes.

In order to add/amend the information held for your child you will need to register for the app. This is done from an email that has already been sent, so if possible please could you register as soon as possible. If you have already registered, as a number of you have, please do not go through the process again.

The app is available on iOS, Android and a browser. The SIMS Parent Lite app provides a convenient and accessible solution for you to electronically review and request changes to the data held on your children.

Hopefully the instuctions on the right will assist you with the process.



Bread-making with Chartwells

Earlier this week, Nicola from Chartwells (our school meal provider) came into school to work with Gwithian Class and Kynance Cove Class to make bread. What a great morning!!







