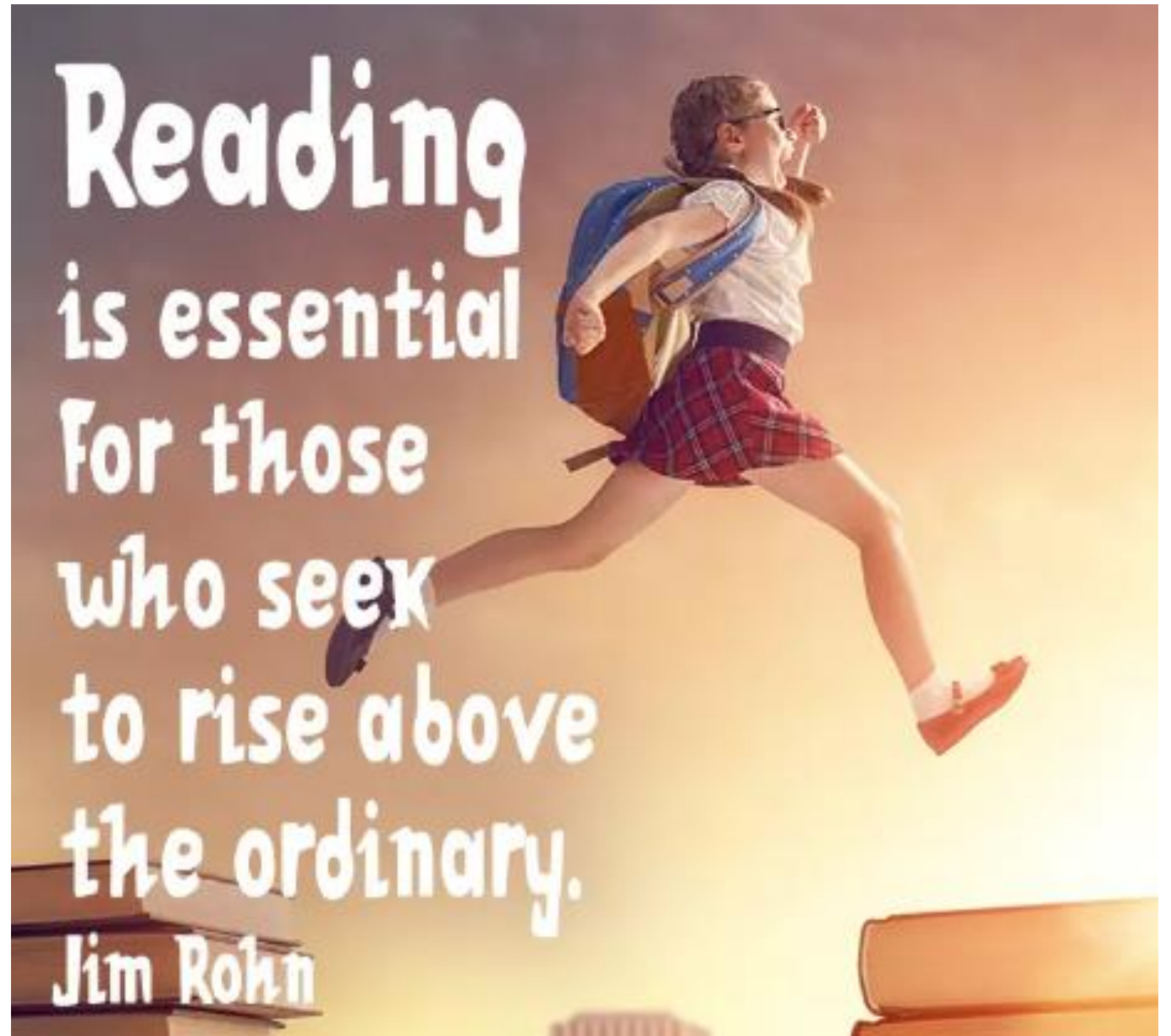
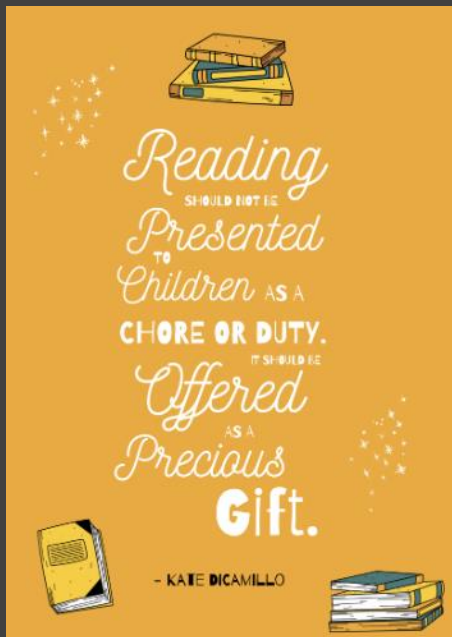


Reading  
Newsletter  
April 2024



## Reading at St Georges

Welcome to the forth edition of the reading Newsletter.

In this edition:

- Some worrying statistics from the English Hub.
- There is still time to enter our book quiz. Entries to Mrs McCall with your name clearly marked!
- Book recommendations
- Book reviews needed!
- Our featured author this term is Struan Murray– find out about his books and get reading!



# Worrying Facts from the English Hub...



More than 3 in 5 (62%) of people entering prison were assessed as having a reading age of 11 or lower. This is four times higher than in the general adult population (15%) - Prison Reform Trust 2019

Free school meals (FSM) pupils are 12% below non-FSM pupils in phonics screening test - Amanda Spielman

The percentage of Y1 pupils passing the 2022 phonics screening check fell from 82% to 75%



I am looking for some volunteers to help with the reorganisation of our library. I will be in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April from 10-1pm to reorganise the library space. Any volunteers would be most welcome! Please let me know if you are able to make it.

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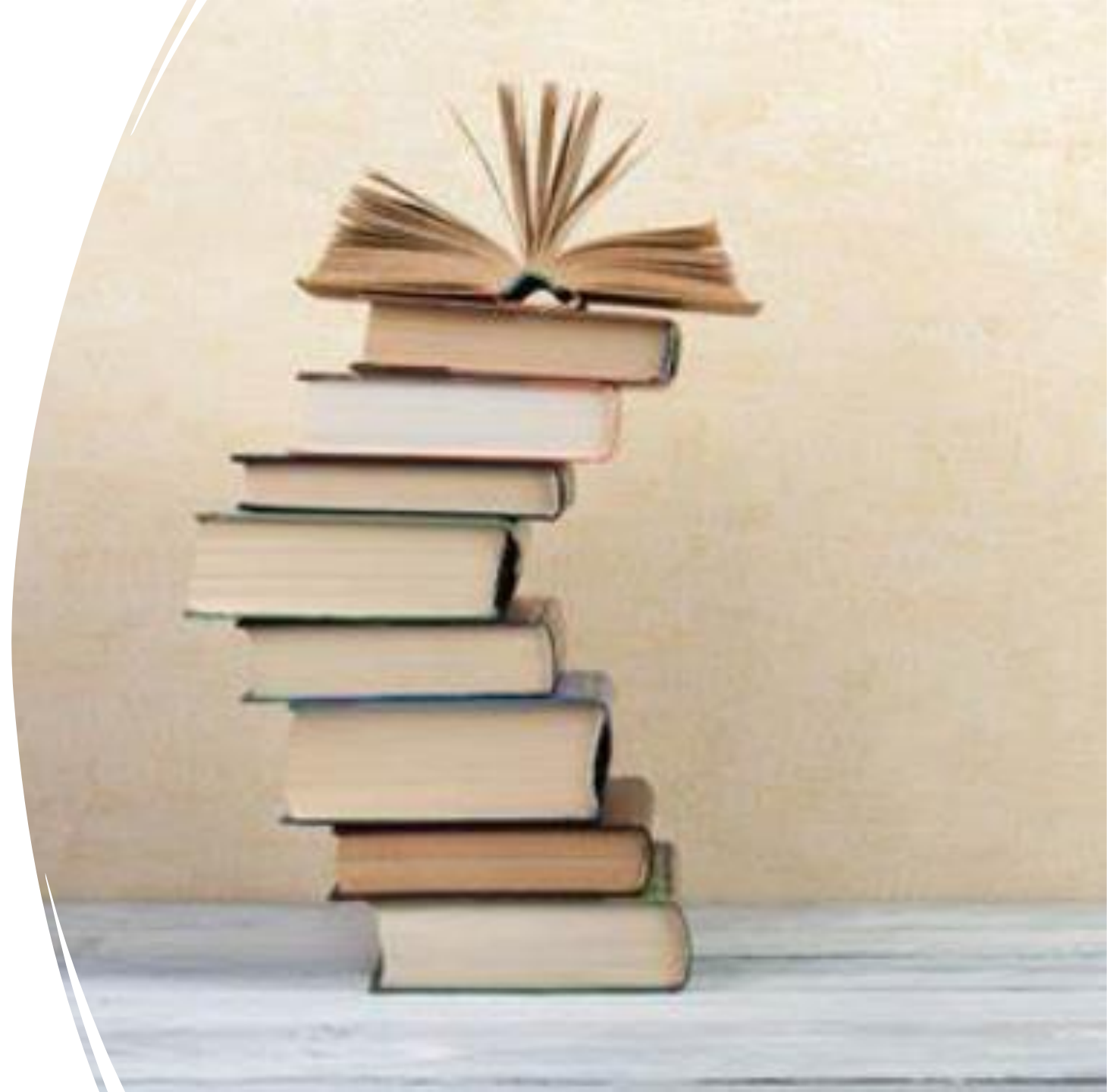
Thank you so much for your support! Mrs McCall

# Book Reviews

If you have recently read a book and want to recommend it to others read on...

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I am looking for book reviews to add to our reading newsletter each term. Please tell me all about a book you have read and why you enjoyed it. Make sure you add your name and your review could be published on our next newsletter!



# QUIZ TIME!

Do you recognise these book covers?

Pop your guesses on a piece of paper and bring them to Mrs Mccall if you think you have worked it out – make sure you write your name on your entry!

Winners will be announced after Easter in Assembly!



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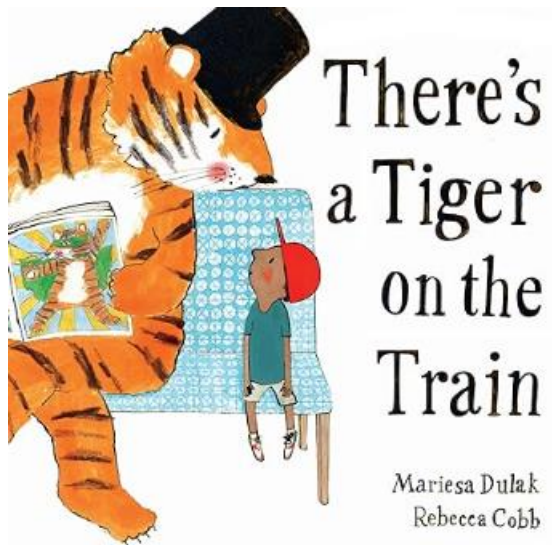


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### ***There's a tiger on the train***

On an extraordinary journey to the sea, a tiger boards the train, along with a jungle of other animals - all without Dad even looking up from his phone! From debut author, Mariesa Dulak, and award-winner Rebecca Cobb, illustrator of *The Everywhere Bear*.



### ***This book will make you an artist!***

This book will make **YOU** an artist as you explore 25 different art techniques - from cave painting to contemporary performance - inspired by groundbreaking artists from around the world. And discover famous masterpieces with photographs of real works of art!



### ***The Secret of the Moonshard***

One of Mrs McCall's fave authors – Struan Murray brings you this thrilling new, magical adventure! Domino has lived her whole life believing that just one drop of magic could kill her. Held in a floating laboratory by scheming Science Barons, she has never known a single day of freedom.

# Mrs McCall's Book Recommendations:

# Author of the month!

Struan Murray is Scottish and grew up in Edinburgh, the youngest of a large, rowdy family of redheads. He has a PhD in genetics and is now a lecturer in biochemistry at the University of Oxford.

*Orphans of the Tide* is his first novel, published by Puffin February 20th 2020.

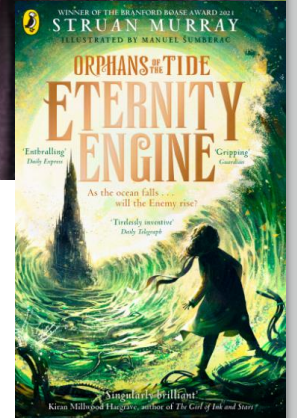
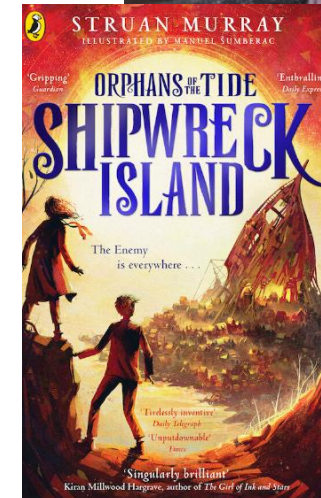
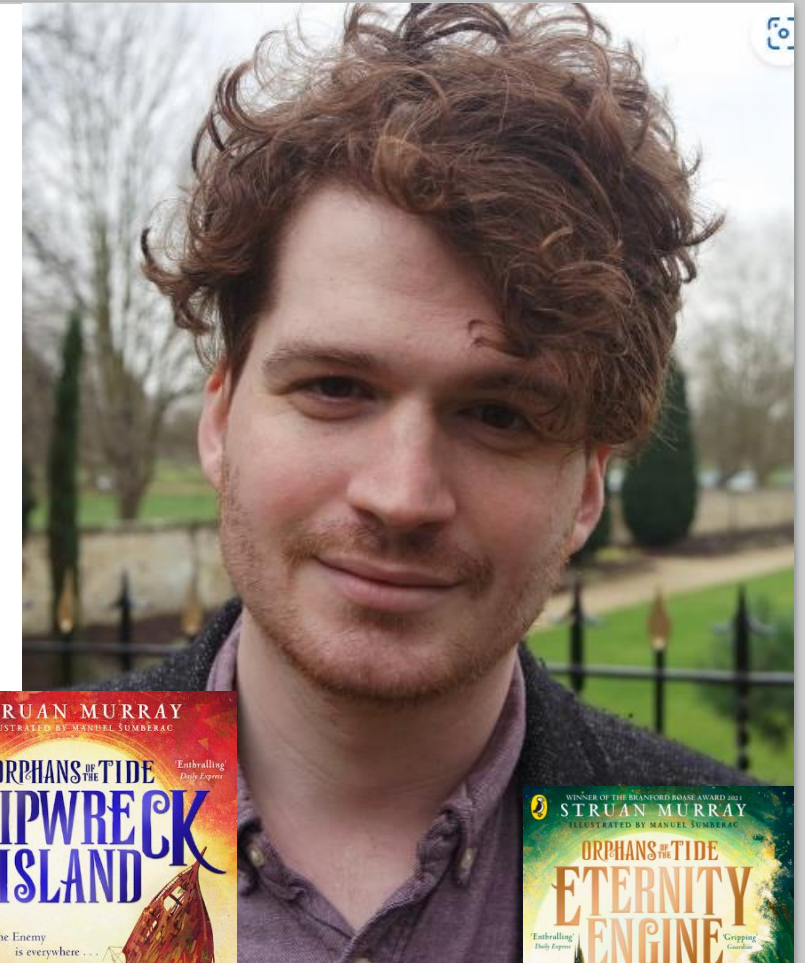
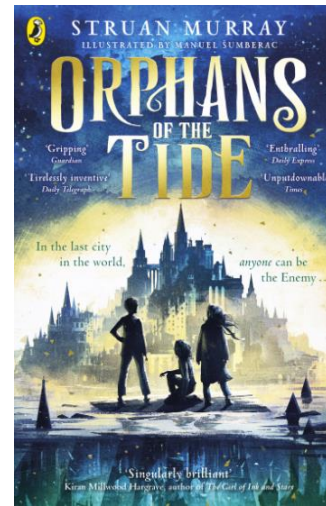
*Orphans of the Tide* is a brilliant read (see synopsis below) and Struan has now written two further adventures following the characters stories.

*Orphans of the Tide:*

*The City was built on a sharp mountain that jutted improbably from the sea, and the sea kept trying to claim it back. That grey morning, once the tide had retreated, a whale was found on a rooftop.*

When a mysterious boy washes in with the tide, the citizens believe he's the Enemy - the god who drowned the world - come again to cause untold chaos. Only Ellie, a fearless young inventor living in a workshop crammed with curiosities, believes he's innocent. But the Enemy can take possession of any human body and the ruthless Inquisition are determined to destroy it forever. To save the boy, Ellie must prove who he really is - even if that means revealing her own dangerous secret . . .

## Struan Murray





# Blue Peter Badges

We already have several children who have earned themselves a Blue Peter badge for reading.

To earn this badge, you must:

Be aged between 5-15 years old.

Tell Blue Peter about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.

Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.

Let them know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.

Go to the Blue Peter website for more information on how to apply. We would love to see this beautiful badge on the jumper of every child in school!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

