

St. Peter's Primary School



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How can you help your child to improve their reading skills? Accelerated Reader June 2025

At St. Peter's, younger children are taught those early reading skills through a scheme called **'Read, Write, Inc.'**. This is a robust phonics scheme firmly in place within our Early Years. Class teachers encourage parents to practise phonics at home every day and to begin to build a love of books and sharing stories with their child from a very young age. There is nothing better than curling up with a good book before bedtime!



As pupils move further up the school, we use a reading scheme called **'Accelerated Reader'**. This scheme helps to dig more deeply into understanding the texts which children read. Recently, we have altered the way children choose books through the Accelerated Reading Scheme to enable more choice when choosing books. Children will no longer be given one reading level but will be encouraged to read within a range, for example, books between 2.3 and 3.6. Children can then choose any book within that range. This gives children a greater choice of books from which to read. Quizzes are carried out in the same way. Children will be able to see their progress and also gain points. At the beginning of each half term a Star Reader Assessment will be completed by the child to re-assess their reading range and ensure progress is being made.



Class teachers will check children's individual progress weekly and this may mean that their range may change or support may be given to select books, this is to guide children in their book choices and success within the scheme. The scheme also works out how much the children are reading on average per day (15 minutes being expected); this will be communicated to the children every week so that they can ensure they are reading enough and are on target. Children will be given reading time in class each day to meet the expectations however, reading at home is still essential to make optimum progress.

Please continue to read with your child every day – regular reading is crucial to making the appropriate progress. Please follow the link below to the guide for parents and carers:

Parents' Guide To Accelerated Reader
<https://renaissance.widen.net/s/dtd5fptqpv>

Please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you have any further queries or questions.

Yours sincerely,
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