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Dear Parents/Carers

At St Peter's, we believe that reading is the key to unlocking all areas of learning. We aim for children to develop a love of reading which will provide them with greater knowledge, ideas and vocabulary.

We are excited to tell you about a new reading programme called Accelerated Reader which we have introduced for children in the juniors to follow on from the successful phonics' scheme - Read, Write Inc which is used to develop early reading.

Accelerated reader aims to improve children's reading fluency, vocabulary and comprehension by selecting texts at the child's reading level for the child to read and discuss through short computer based quizzes.

The child's reading level is determined through a computer based reading test which is carried out in school, at the beginning of each half term. This will generate a band of books from which the child can select. When the child has finished their book, they take a short computer based quiz which will determine if they have understood the text they are reading.

Accelerated reader contains a range of books by different authors with different genres which should appeal to all children. Teachers will monitor your child's progress carefully and will be able to use the information generated by the quizzes to identify areas where your child may need further support.

Teachers will explain the scheme in more detail when they meet with you at their virtual 'coffee mornings' to discuss the year ahead.

Kind regards

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Co-Headteachers