

## Accelerated Reading

Accelerated Reading is the new reading scheme we introduced here at St. Peter's approximately 3 years ago. The scheme is designed to help the children get a better understanding of what they are reading. This understanding is known as comprehension.

The scheme is designed to make the reading texts easier for the children to read so they can achieve great results on the comprehension quizzes.

Initially the children take a Star Test. This gives us a "Zone" for them to be reading at plus other information such as their reading age and reading level based on previous national levels. The children then pick a book from within their "Zone" (called ZPD) which they then read. Once completed the children do a quiz based on the book and their understanding of the text. The children love these quizzes and are so proud when they achieve 100% usually telling everyone around them! They all have a basic target of 85% set at source by Accelerated Reading.

The children and staff can access regular reports so they can see how they are doing against their targets. The majority of children are on or above these targets which is fantastic.

This scheme has greatly improved reading and comprehension skills across the school and engaged all the children. Sometimes you may think it strange that your child brings home an "easy" book but it may have difficult questions attached to it! It also greatly helps the children with the Reading SAT's once they reach Year 6.

All the children on the scheme do genuinely seem to enjoy it and are always keen to get their new ZPD's when re-tested.



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