



Reading at home

At St. Peter's, we know how important it is for children to read and to be read to. Reading for just 20 minutes a day will expose a child to 1.8 million words over their lifetime, improving their working vocabulary and their writing skills.

Reading with children is proven to improve cognitive skills and help the process of cognitive development. Whenever you share books with your child, you are opening up a world beyond the here and now and essentially provides them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them to make sense of what they see, hear and read.

Reading Rewards

To promote reading at home we offer a 'Bee a Reader' reward system.

In addition to regular lessons at school, it would enhance your child's reading if they could read three or four times a week at home. We would like you to listen to your child and read with them as much as possible to support them in the development of their reading skills.

We understand that home life can be very busy and that older children may be reluctant to read aloud. However, we do encourage that you try to hear your child read out loud as regularly as possible. This may be only a few pages whilst you're washing up, cooking etc some days, but fluency, expression and intonation are skills that all readers need to keep practising. And, it can be fun reading to an audience!

To help us monitor and reward the children for working hard on their reading, please record the book title and date the entry in their reading record. Older children can record the number of pages they have read, and at least once a week, include a comment about the book. This may be a prediction on what might happen, a comment about a character or the story or whether they have enjoyed the book. We ask that all entries written by a child are signed by an adult.

Class teachers will keep a record of the number of reads each week and allocate 1 point for 3 reads a week and 2 points for more than 3 reads. At the end of each term, we will celebrate children who have achieved a reward during Friday Achievement Assembly.

Bronze - 7 points, Silver - 13 points, Gold - 17points

Platinum - 34 points

