

Tuesday, 24 March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that after Easter we shall no longer be sending home the coloured book banded reading books. This is because these coloured books do not match with the RWI scheme and may contain sounds that the children have not yet been taught. We want to give our children books they can read that match with the sounds they have learnt. We want them to feel confident and enjoy reading.

These books will still be available for you to borrow from school but they will have had the coloured sticker removed. Therefore the children may be able to read some or only parts of it so it becomes a book to enjoy and share together. We shall encourage your child to choose books they are interested in and want to read to develop their love of reading. It is also important that you read stories to them that they cannot read themselves so the children will also bring home a library book to share.

We will continue to hear and assess your child's reading based on their ability to read their RWI book every 6 weeks. They will continue to bring home a RWI book bag book once a week (in a plastic wallet). Please return this book on the designated day to ensure we have enough copies for others. This book needs to be read for 3 days to develop speed and fluency. Your class teacher will also send you a login to Oxford Owl where you can access other RWI books at the right colour.

For children in Year 2 who have completed RWI and are on the Master Reader Programme, they will bring home reading books of their own choosing.

Please continue to record any reading (shared or child read) in their reading records at least 5x week.

In summary –

1. RWI book bag and online ebook to be read by the child and to be returned weekly in the plastic wallet.
2. Book to share with a grown-up – a library book, white stickered reading scheme book and reading challenge book. These can be returned and changed whenever completed.

Reading is the one thing that has the biggest impact on your child's academic progress. Here at St Peter's our aim is for children to develop the habit of reading for pleasure and information, leaving us as confident, lifelong readers.

If you have any questions then please do email me via the office.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Ellis-Somerville

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