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## Year 3 and 4 Lightning Squad Reading Tuition

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you may be aware the Government has provided schools with funding to support pupils catch up lost time following the school closures during the last 12 months. The funding can be used for whole - school initiatives and strategies as well as targeted intervention. We have allocated some of our funding towards the Lightning Squad Reading Tuition Programme for pupils across Year 3 and 4 and your child has been selected to receive this tuition.

The Lightning Squad is a reading programme developed by Fisher Family Trust (FFT) where pupils work with a tutor in two cooperative pairs, taking turns as 'Reader' and 'Coach'. The tutoring is a blended approach with in-person tutoring (COVID protocols will be adhered to) supported by an online tutoring platform. Tutoring activities are designed to improve reading skills, fluency, comprehension, spelling and phonics.

The programme is designed to catch up on lost teaching time and is not an indication that your child has 'fallen behind' with their reading. The programme caters for all ability levels and challenges pupils to further develop their reading skills from each individual's starting point.

Pupils will spend 6 school weeks working on the tutoring programme to improve their reading skills, with daily 30-minute tutoring sessions in school.

Year 3 will begin their tutoring on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Year 4 will begin their tutoring on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

I have attached a letter and privacy notice from FFT which provides further details and explains how to opt out of your child's data being shared should you wish.

Please do let me know if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely,



Katherine Hart

