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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to share some exciting news. From next term, pupils will be using two fantastic new homework platforms: **Sparx Reader** and **Sparx Science.**

Sparx provides highly personalised homework to students, tailored to their individual attainment level and working speed. Students receive immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try. They earn rewards via XP for completion and effort.

These platforms will help pupils build confidence, develop key skills and celebrate their achievements along the way.

What to expect

- **Sparx Reader** homework will be set every **Wednesday and due in the following Wednesday.**
- **Sparx Science** homework will be set every **Thursday and due in the following Thursday.**
- Approximately **20-30 minutes per week** on each platform. Pupils can choose to do more if they wish.
- Pupils will earn **rewards and recognition** for completing their homework regularly and demonstrating excellent effort

To ensure a smooth start, pupils will be introduced to **Sparx Reader** first, followed shortly by **Sparx Science**, giving them time to become familiar with each platform and make the most of the support available.

Rewards and recognition

- Pupils can celebrate their progress through rewards for consistent completion and effort
- Encourages positive study habits that support long-term success

How to access Sparx

Students log in at the following websites, by using SSO and entering their school username and password. Sparx Learning can be accessed on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

Sparx Reader: www.sparxreader.com

Sparx Science: www.sparxscience.com

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How you can support your child

You can make a real difference by:

- Providing a quiet space for homework
- Encouraging them to persevere when they find a task challenging
- Reminding them to use the built-in support available on the platforms
- Contacting their teacher if they need additional help

Pupils will also be able to use the school library at lunchtime and after school as a quiet place to complete their homework.

We are really looking forward to launching Sparx Reader and Sparx Science and seeing our pupils develop their confidence, independence and love of learning. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child get the most from these exciting new opportunities.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Duke

(Head of English)

Mrs Ryan

(Deputy Head of Science)

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