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Dear Parent/Carer

Sparx Reader

We're excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader.

Sparx Reader helps every student to read regularly and independently, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills. Students choose from a range of eBooks and as they read, they will answer questions, that appear, to check they're reading carefully. Careful readers earn points so they can track their progress and climb the league table! Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading will unlock Gold Reader, which means that they will be able to read any 'paper-paged' book from a library or from home by scanning in its barcode.

How do students log in?

Students log into Sparx Reader by using their Sparx Maths username and password. Search for 'Sparx Reader', in your browser, to find the login page.

We will be registering students, over the next week in an English lesson, and showing them how the system works and how they access the eBooks. Sparx reader will be a compulsory part of their weekly English homework and their progress will be monitored by their English teacher. They will be expected to complete half an hour of reading a week, using Sparx reader, alongside completing an hour a fortnight of the current Oak Academy homework.

What devices are supported?

Any internet-connected device with a web browser can access Sparx Reader.

How can I support my child with their reading?

Sparx Reader adapts to each student's reading level, so it's important that students are encouraged to complete questions independently. If students receive any help with the answers to questions it may mean that they will be considered to be a stronger reader than they are and will be given access to eBooks that are too high a level for their reading ability.

One way to support your child is to ask them about the book they're reading; what aspects they're enjoying, or what characters and events they've recently read about.

We are expecting this to be as successful a programme as Sparx Maths and we are looking forward to introducing it to Year 7 students.

If you have any queries please get in touch with your child's English teacher.

Yours sincerely

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