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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 reading platform, Sparx Reader. From Tuesday 16 September, your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly reading homework. Sparx Reader helps every student to achieve regular independent reading, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills.

Students can choose from a range of ebooks at their appropriate level and as they read, they'll answer questions to check they're reading carefully. Careful readers earn points, meaning they can track their progress and climb the league table!

Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock Gold Reader. This means they can complete their Sparx reading homework by reading any paper book from the library or from home by scanning its barcode into the Sparx Reader programme.

How do students log in?

Students log in at www.sparxreader.com. They will need to find their school and log in using their school Microsoft login.

What devices are supported?

Your child can access Sparx Reader on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

How can I support my child with their reading?

Sparx Reader adapts to each student's reading level, so it's important that you don't help by answering questions for them. If you help them, Sparx Reader might think they're a very strong reader and show them books that are too difficult.

You can, however, help to provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their reading homework each week and remind them about the importance and value of reading as a life skill.

The best 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.

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How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

You can keep track of the reading your child is doing by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Maths weekly homework email.

On the Parent Portal, you can choose to view homework progress for any Sparx learning system your child is using. For Sparx Reader, you can see progress with the current and previous homework and browse books that your child has been reading as part of their current homework. You can find out more by going to Sparx Reader - Home. If you have any questions, please contact me at cviggers@newsteadwood.co.uk as I am the Sparx Reader Leader here at school.

Sparx have developed this page to help answer any questions you may have about their platform [Sparx Reader - A parent's guide to Sparx Reader](#)

Rewards

Those that complete Extra Sparx Reader Points and those who unlock a Gold Reader Pass will be awarded achievement points.

Every week, the names of the top 10 Sparx Readers will be published in the school newsletter.

Bronze, silver and gold lapel badges will be awarded when students have achieved 50,000, 75,000 and 100,000 points

Yours sincerely

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