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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Sparx Reader

We are excited to introduce Sparx Reader, a digital reading and literacy platform that we are launching for all Year 7 students. As Year 7 is a crucial year for building strong study habits, Sparx Reader will help your child develop regular reading routines, expand their vocabulary, and strengthen their comprehension skills.

What is Sparx Reader?

Sparx Reader is an interactive online reading programme designed to help students build a regular reading habit. Students get access to a large library of digital books suited to their age and reading level. As they read through sections of a book, they answer short multiple-choice questions to check their understanding and earn Sparx Reader Points (SRP).

How Homework Works

- **Weekly reading target:** Sparx reader homework will be set once a week
- **Expectations:** Students are expected to log in regularly and complete their targeted reading points rather than reading everything in a single night.
- **Support at School:** We have a homework club after school in the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) for students who need a quiet space or device access to complete their reading.

How You Can Support at Home

- **Establish a Daily Routine:** Encourage your child to do a little bit of reading each evening rather than leaving it all until the last minute.
- **Encourage independence:** Allow them to attempt the questions independently, as the platform automatically adapts to their level based on their responses.
- **Talk about their books:** Ask them about the books they are reading and the characters they have met!

You can find more information and parent guides on the Sparx Reader Parent Page:
https://sparxreader.com/parents/

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child develop a lifelong love of reading.

Yours sincerely

Mrs CM Duffy

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Teacher of English with additional responsibility for whole-school reading and vocabulary development.

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