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# Sandhurst School the opportunity to succeed

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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

# **Re: Sparx Reader**

We're excited to let you know that we've partnered with SPARX to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader. From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework.

Your child's homework will be set every week.

Sparx Reader helps every student 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 read any paper book from the library or from home by scanning in its barcode.

# How do they log in?

• Students log in at sparxreader.com. They will need to find their school and log in using their Sparx Maths details.

#### 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, it's important 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.
- 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.

# What support is available at Sandhurst School?

• Homework Club runs every day in PC4 from 15:00-15:50

If you have any questions, please contact your child's English Teacher.

Yours sincerely,

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