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Empowering everyone to be the best they can be.



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Dear Parent / Carer

We are excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader. From Monday 3 June all KS3 students will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework. Some of our students have started this already.

Your child's homework will be set on Friday and due on Friday every week.

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 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 or school email and password.

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 is 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.
- 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.

How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

- You are able to 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.

What support is available?

- We have Homework Club every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school in the Hub. This is supported by members of our SEND team.
- Students can use the library computers at break time to complete their reading.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Hutchinson at lhutchinson@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk.

Kind regards

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