

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

It's really important to us that young people are able to practise careful, silent reading for a decent amount of time, without distraction, in order to improve their reading fluency and accuracy, which will have benefits in all subject areas. Sparx Reader reassures us as teachers and parents that focused reading is happening, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.

Going forward, your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework; engagement and performance will be checked weekly by their tutor and fortnightly by their English teacher.

Students can choose from an appropriate range of recommended ebooks at their reading level and, as they read, they'll answer questions to check they're reading carefully. Careful readers earn points, meaning they can prove they've been focusing and ultimately 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.

We encourage you to watch a series of short videos, explaining what Sparx Reader is and how it works, available at <https://sparxreader.com/parents/> or by scanning this QR code:



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 Microsoft SSO details.

Which devices are supported?

- Your child can access Sparx Reader on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser. We would recommend using their school laptops.

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 help by providing a quiet space and a set amount of time for your child to focus on their reading homework each week, encouraging them to remove themselves from distractions such as phones and TVs.
- The best way to support your child is to ask them about the book they're reading; which aspects they're enjoying, which characters and events they've recently read about or what they think could happen next. You could even read the same book to really enable meaningful and fulfilling discussion.

How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

- You are able to keep track of your child's reading by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx 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 homeworks and browse books that your child has been reading as part of their current homework.
- When your child finishes their book, we will send you an email celebrating their achievement!

What support is available at Perins?

- Weekly homework clubs at lunch time
- Support during tutor time
- Support in the Library at break and lunch times.
- Deadline reminders via EduLink and Arbor.

If you have any questions, please email school@perins.hants.sch.uk

Kind regards,

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