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Dear parents and carers

Sparx Reader: English KS3 homework

At The Bulwell Academy, we are committed to helping every student become a confident and focused reader. To support this, we use **Sparx Reader** – an online platform that provides personalised reading practice in an engaging way.

Each week, your child will be set reading homework on **Tuesday**, which is due the following **Tuesday**. Students select eBooks matched to their reading level and answer questions as they read to check understanding. They need to earn **300 Sparx Reader Points (SRP)** for careful reading each week.

Gold Reader is also available for consistent, motivated readers to access. This means they can read any paper book from the library or from home by scanning in its barcode. In order to record reading progress and earn SRP for physical books, students need to log their reading sessions in Gold Reader.

We encourage you to watch [this series of short videos](#), explaining what Sparx Reader is and how it works.

How do they log in?

- Students log in at sparxreader.com. They will need to find their school and log in using their school email address and password. Student email address will look like this: bua-@bulwellacademy.org.uk

Which 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 help by providing a quiet space and a set amount of time 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, which aspects they're enjoying, which characters and events they've recently read about or what they think could happen next.



How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

- You can keep track of your child's reading by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx Reader 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.
- When your child finishes their book, Sparx will send you an email celebrating their achievement!

What support is available at Bulwell Academy?

- Computers are available in the library for students to access during break and lunch on allocated days.
- Literacy club. Monday 2:50-3:50pm (sign up via Arbor)
- Homework support club. Mondays and Wednesdays 2:50-3:50, Room FF01 (sign up via Arbor)

How are students rewarded?

- **Weekly 'Bulwell Bucks'** are awarded for completing Sparx Reader homework.
- **Certificates and badges** are given for achieving milestones in Sparx Reader Points (SRP), recognising effort and improvement.
- **Additional rewards and events** are organised throughout the year, with input from our student Reading Ambassadors, to celebrate commitment and enthusiasm for reading.

If you have any queries regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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