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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 good amount of time, without distraction. We know that building fluency of reading is crucial to give all students the best access to the wider curriculum. Sparx Reader gives us a way of working together as teachers and parents to ensure that students are engaged and focused with a view to supporting readers of all abilities to develop their reading successfully.

From 21st November 2024, your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework. Your child's homework will be set each Thursday and due each Thursday every week. Students can choose from an appropriate range of e-books 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.

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 are able to keep track of your child's reading 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 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 Liskeard School?

- The library will be available before school to support completion of the homework.
- We will set up spaces at lunchtime to allow students to work on this during their free time.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Shilling: cshilling@liskeard.net.

Yours faithfully

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