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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to inform you about a new initiative we are introducing to support your child's reading development and enhance their learning across the curriculum. We have recently adopted **Sparx Reader**, an engaging and interactive programme that will now be used to set homework for all Key Stage 3 students.

Sparx Reader is a highly effective tool that helps students improve their reading skills, comprehension, and vocabulary, while also supporting their studies in other subjects. The programme tailors reading materials to suit each student's level, enabling them to progress at their own pace. It also provides a wide variety of texts that will help strengthen your child's understanding in subjects beyond English, including Science, History, and Geography.

All students have been (or will be) logged into Sparx Reader during their English lessons and can access it on any device with an internet connection. Your child is required to earn **300 SP (Sparx Points)** each week, which equates to approximately 30 minutes of focused reading. This weekly target will help ensure they develop good reading habits and enhance their overall learning experience.

Please note that Sparx Reader homework will now take priority over other English homework. This is the main homework your child should focus on each week. However, we will continue to keep the additional English homework on ClassCharts, as many students have requested this.

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to complete their Sparx Reader homework each week. By ensuring they meet their reading target, you will be helping to reinforce the valuable skills they are developing through the programme.

Should you have any questions or require further information about Sparx Reader, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Julia McIlroy

Assistant Headteacher

