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Dear Parent/Carer,

We're pleased to let you know that we are now using Sparx Reader as our whole-school reading programme. Sparx Reader helps every student develop stronger reading habits through personalised, engaging, and accessible reading support. Here's how it works:

Personalised Book Recommendations

After a short reading assessment, your child receives a carefully curated list of books at the right level—ensuring challenge, success, and enjoyment.

Motivated, Active Reading

Comprehension questions, Sparx Reader Points (SRP), and leaderboards make reading more interactive and help students stay engaged.

Vocabulary & Accessibility Tools

With features like contextual definitions, dyslexia-friendly fonts, colour overlays, and reading rulers, Sparx Reader supports every type of learner.

Gold Reader Pathway

Consistent readers can earn the freedom to log and read any physical book they choose—encouraging a love of reading for life.

What you need to know:

- Your child logs in with their school username and password.
- They are expected to read for **at least 30 minutes each week** using Sparx Reader.
- If homework isn't completed, you'll be notified via Class Charts.
- You'll also receive email updates from Sparx about your child's progress.

Please take a moment to talk to your child about what they're reading. Research shows that parental engagement is one of the biggest factors in reading success. Schools using Sparx Reader have seen measurable improvements in reading ages and even GCSE performance when students complete regular weekly reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Parker,
Deputy Headteacher, Quality of Education.