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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing to inform you that from this Friday your child will be using Sparx Science to complete their weekly science homework. Sparx Science provides an online personalised homework plan, tailored to your child's attainment level and classwork.

Each week your child's science homework will be set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday. As a result this homework will not be set on Arbor, as your child may not have a science lesson on the day the homework is set. Homework will not be set during school holidays or during your child's assessment weeks.

We know that your child's success in science is important to you, and therefore we are sending you this letter to explain how Sparx Science works and how you can support your child in completing it.

What is Sparx Science?

- Sparx Science provides personalised homework that promotes deep thinking about scientific knowledge to aid retention and recall, as well as providing tailored support to help every pupil get the correct answer.
- Teachers will set topics recently covered in class which will make up the majority of a pupil's homework, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Sometimes science questions may challenge students, however where this is the case Sparx Science provides unique support to fill knowledge gaps or guide them through application of scientific ideas to ensure they can achieve 100%.
- Students log in at: <https://science.sparx-learning.com>. Once they have selected the school they can automatically log in by clicking on 'Log in to Sparx using Microsoft'. Your child can access Sparx Science on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework, minimising distractions where possible.
- Encourage your child to start their homework during the weekend if possible, so they can get support before the deadline if they are stuck.
- Sparx Science will automatically adjust the level of questions based on your child's answers, please try not to answer the questions for them, instead ensure they are carefully reading the support material and using this information to answer the questions.
- Please encourage your child not to use search engines such as Google to look up the answers to questions, instead encourage them to use the 'I don't know' button on the Sparx Science webpage to access help and support if they are unsure of an answer.
- You will be able to keep track of the homework your child is completing by clicking on your link to the Parent Portal, which will be in the Sparx Learning e-mail that you will receive each week.

If you have any questions, or if your child has any problems accessing or using Sparx Science, please contact me or your child's science teacher.

Yours faithfully

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