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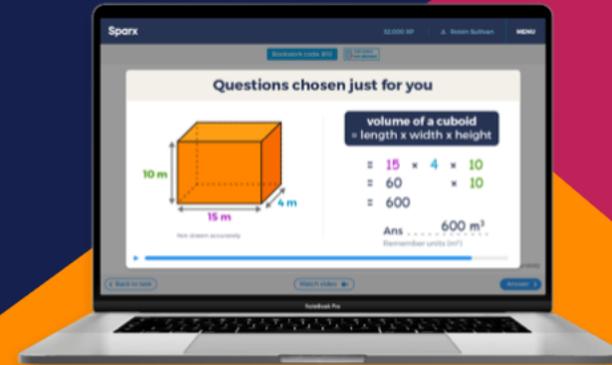
Sparx Reader Launch February 2024

The power of Sparx Maths for you and your students



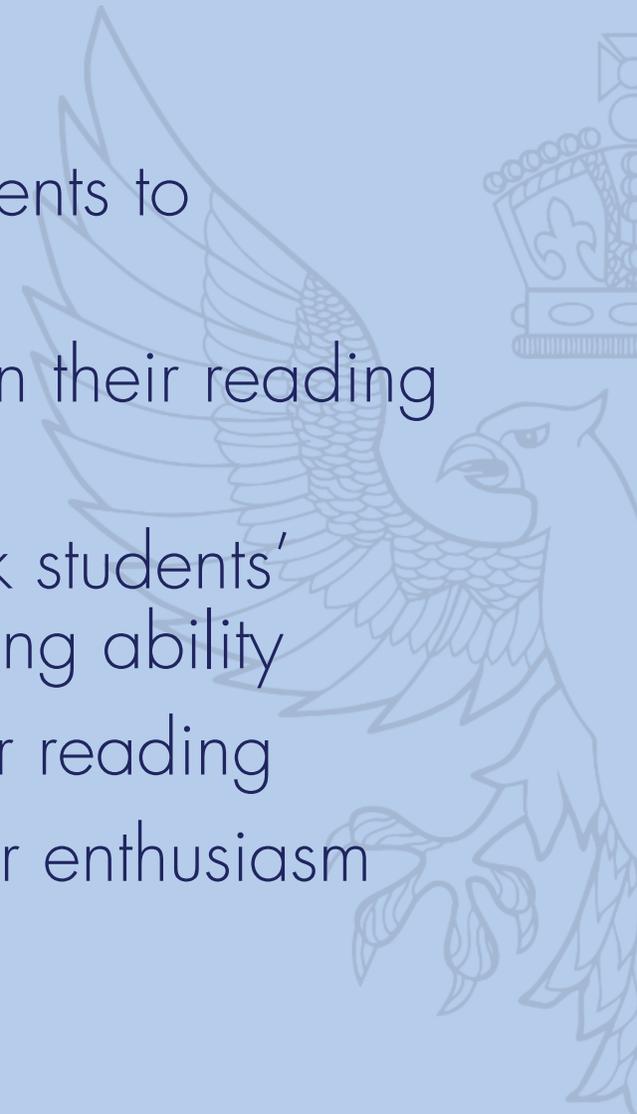
1. Personalisation

1 hour of personalised homework per week is proven to improve grades.



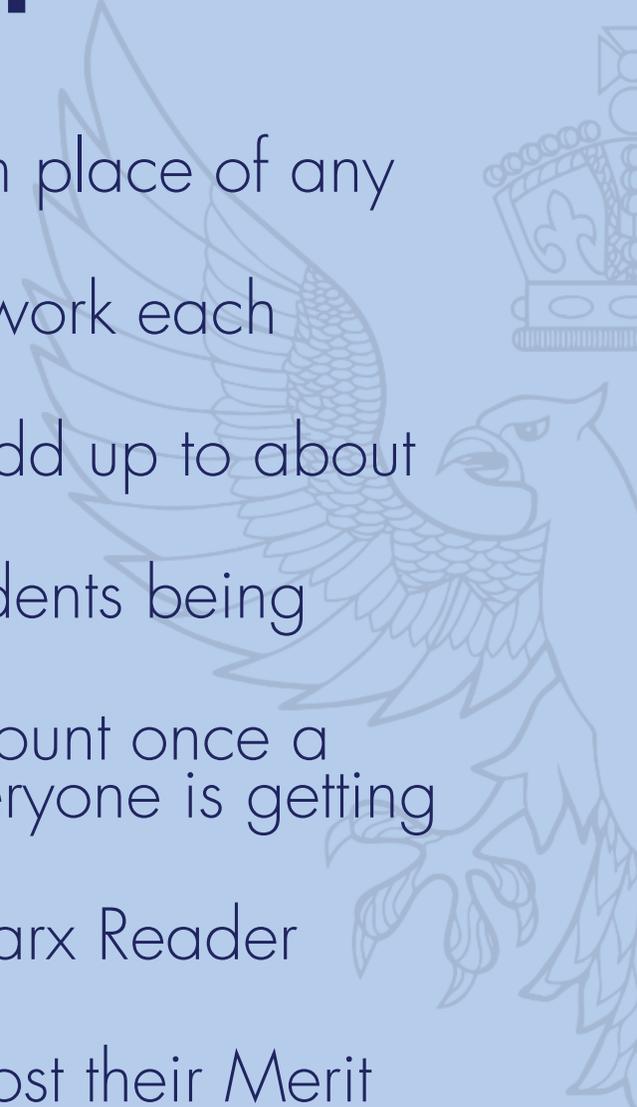
What is Sparx Reader?

- A reading platform that we are trialling with Year 7 students to encourage more reading at home and for pleasure
- Students who read more will make greater progression in their reading skills and make more academic progress
- Sparx Reader has libraries of books online and will track students' reading, asking them answer questions to test their reading ability
- The platform provides instant data and feedback on their reading
- Students earn Sparx Reader points, which will boost their enthusiasm for reading and its profile at home



How we are going to implement Sparx Reader?

- English homework for Y7 will now be set on Sparx Reader in place of any other homework.
- Boys will complete 450 Sparx Reader Points worth of homework each week. This equates to about 45 mins reading
- This will generate questions for them to answer, which will add up to about 45 mins.
- Sparx Reader homework will be set every Monday, with students being expected to complete this by the following Monday
- Your son's English teacher will check their Sparx Reader account once a week to check who needs commendations and see how everyone is getting on
- 450 SRP points= 10 commendations. There is a specific Sparx Reader commendation which gives 10.
- This is a great way for boys to earn commendations and boost their Merit points.



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The power of reading

Reading has lifelong benefits



Young children feel secure and expand their vocabulary

Success in primary

Success in secondary and greater empathy and social skills

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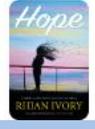
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Title	Authors	Genres	Book reading age
 Hero: A War Dog's Tale	Jane West	Real life • War • Animals • Refugees	7 years
 Heroes and Gladiators	Katie and Mark Burns	Historical • Ancient Rome • Action • War • Survival	7 years
 Home	Karen Moncrieffe	Real life • Family • Homelessness	7.5 years
 Honesty and Lies	Eloise Williams	Historical Fiction	10 years
 Hope	Rhian Ivory	Friendship • Relationships • Loss • Drama • Music	14.5 years

Getting Boys Started

- Following this parent launch event and there will be an assembly for students tomorrow to explain it all to them
- Next week, each class will spend one period in a computer room to get logged on – they will use their Sparx Maths log in
- During this time, students will complete the reading test, read the training book and have time to navigate their way around the platform.
- During this hour, any students with SEND will be made aware of accessibility features that might support them e.g. font size, background colour, etc.



You are demoing **Sparx Reader** as a student. [Click here](#) to return to the teacher interface.



Questions



Training book



Reading test



Welcome to Sparx Reader

This training book will show you how to use Sparx Reader.

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During every half term, from now until January 2025, there will be a story writing/storytelling competition taking place in our school. Each half term will have a different topic for students to create their story about. Stories can be told in the following ways:

- In the usual way (with words, in sentences and paragraphs!)
- Make a short film
- Write a script
- Create a comic book
- Present a drama performance
- Any other way that you can think of!

Spring Storytelling



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As the spring term is so short, this first storytelling competition will run from now until Thursday 21st March. Any stories must be submitted to Miss John by this date as judging will take place over the Easter break and winners announced on the first week back.

Any entrants will get individual commendations and house points.

The topic for the first KNSB storytelling competition is 'Freedom'.

Start telling YOUR stories!

What can you do?

- Talk to your son about reading
- Ask him about Sparx Reader
- Support him in completing his homework
- Read with him
- Talk to him about the books he is reading
- Encourage him to borrow books from our library

