



The Ferrers School

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Dear Parent or Carer,

We're excited to let you know that we continue to be partnered with Sparx Learning to start using their reading platform, Sparx Reader.

It's really important to us that young people are able to practise careful, silent reading for a focused amount of time, without distraction. Sparx Reader reassures us as teachers and parents that focused reading is happening, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated. It develops the skill of reading that students will need for their future learning and everyday lives.

Your child's homework will be set by their main class teacher and due every week. The minimum expectation will be to complete 150 Sparx points, this is around 15mins of careful reading. Year 7 students will need to complete the onboarding quiz first, it is very self-explanatory they simply need to follow the instructions on the Sparx platform once they have logged in. We endeavour to support students with this within library lessons.

Students can choose from an appropriate range of eBooks 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 [this series of short videos](#), explaining what Sparx Reader is and how it works.

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 can keep track of your child's reading by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx 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 homework's, 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!

If you have any questions, please do get in contact with me.

Kind regards,

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