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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

It's incredibly important to us that young people are able to practise careful, silent reading for a useful 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.

From next week your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework.

Your child's homework will be set on **Thursday** and due on **Wednesday** every week.

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 Maths 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 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!

What support is available at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge?

- Homework Club on Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Thomas in En3
- Homework Club on Tuesday and Thursday after school with Miss Flett in the library
- English teachers will be tracking students' progress and awarding those who go above and beyond.
- Homework will be posted on Classcharts each week
- Updates each week from teachers and tutors to remind students of approaching deadlines



This is an amazing opportunity for your child to expand their vocabulary, improve comprehension skills and develop their reading skills. This will be invaluable for their GCSEs as they are expected to have read widely and be able to comment on unseen texts, both fiction and non-fiction. Please encourage your child each week to complete their 20-minute reading homework (or more!) as we want them to be aiming for the best possible outcomes in their education.

If you have any questions, please contact me at k.thomas@maidenerleghtrust.org

Kind regards,



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