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Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers,

Next term we will be introducing our Year 7 students to Sparx Reader. Sparx Reader fosters a culture of careful, independent reading and literacy amongst students in a way that builds their confidence and enjoyment of reading.

With powerful monitoring tools and insights for teachers, Sparx Reader ensures that students are engaging positively with reading outside of the classroom. It is proven that students that regularly read for pleasure have more successful academic results, better mental health and a higher capacity for empathy.

As part of Sparx Reader, we will be setting students regular Sparx Reader homework to ensure that they are reading frequently and purposefully. A Sparx Reader homework is designed to help students build strong reading habits through careful reading practice. Each homework consists of a target amount of Sparx Reader Points (SRP) which students need to earn through careful reading. This homework can be completed on any device with the internet and using their single sign on, students already have access to Sparx Maths through this.

Student's homework and progress will be monitored by our teachers weekly and rewards will be given to those that complete the tasks and activities.

The school Library has a set of 30 laptops which are available for use at lunch time and after school for students to complete their Sparx Reader activities if they are unable to do so at home. Their English teacher will also support your child with any difficulties that they may face when using Sparx Reader.

If you wish to learn more about Sparx Reader, please scan the QR code.



Thank you for all of your support while we trial this new approach.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sams,  
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