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Dear parents and carers,

We are excited to inform you that from 27th September your child will be using [Sparx Maths](#) to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

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

We know you want to support your child's maths progress, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they'll get immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try.
- While homework is accessed online, students should expect to use paper to write down their working out to support their work and therefore they will need a notebook or spare paper to use for their homework. Sparx has a "bookwork checks" system to help students form the habit of writing down their method to help them. The written work will not need handing in at school.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached so that your child can get help independently.
- The login to Sparx Maths will be your child's usual school Google login; this will be written in their planner.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.
- Encourage them to start their homework early so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline if they get stuck. To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until **all** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Check the weekly email you'll get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already done so.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.
- Remind your child that they are free to use the computers available in the school library, during break and lunch times, as well as after school.

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's maths teacher.

Kind regards

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