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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to inform you that from next week, your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete their weekly English reading homework, in addition to a fortnightly Spellzone homework.

Sparx provides highly personalised homework to students, tailored to their individual attainment level and working speed. **Studies show that students who complete 30 minutes of close reading a week can add up to an additional 10 months progress to their reading age compared to students who did not do this**. **This progress increases for students who find reading hardest.**

Your child's **homework will be set on Wednesday and due on Wednesday every week**. They will need to get 300 Sparx Reader Points a week, which takes approximately 30 minutes. Students log in at sparxreader.com, using the same login details as they have for Sparx Maths and Sparx Science.

We understand how important your child's success is to you. Below, you'll find information about Sparx Reader, along with practical advice on how you can support them:

What is Sparx Reader?

- Students choose from a range of age-appropriate ebooks at their reading level and, as they read, they will answer questions to check that they are reading carefully.
- Students receive immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct, or if they need to have another try. Careful readers earn rewards via Sparx Reader Points (SRP) for completion and effort.
- Homework will only be marked complete when the 300 Sparx Reader Points target has been met.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework, with minimal distractions.
- Encourage your child to start their homework early.
- Please let them attempt questions independently. Sparx Reader will automatically adjust the level of questions provided based on your child's answers.
- In the unlikely event that your child has any technical issues, please encourage them to try a different device first and if this is not successful ask them to let their teacher know at least 24 hours before the homework deadline so that any issues resolved.
- You can find out more about Sparx Reader here: www.sparxreader.com/parents

Waddesdon School has made an investment into Sparx Reader for English, because we want to equip students with the reading skills they need in life and to succeed in their English Language and Literature GCSEs. We thank you for your support.

If you have any questions, please contact the office office@waddesdonschool.com

Kind regards,

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