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Dear Parents/ Carers

We hope that you had a fantastic summer and that your child is looking forward to the year ahead at the Hart School.

We wanted to email you briefly to let you know about English homework in KS3 this year. Students will complete their English homework via the **Sparx reader platform**. This is an online platform where students read a book of their choice via an online platform and answer comprehension questions, as well as completing vocabulary and spelling games. Through the platform, students develop their reading and comprehension skills as well as enjoying engaging texts that are tailored to their interests and reading abilities.

If you would like to know more about Sparx reader, you can find out more via the website at <https://sparxreader.com/>.

Students will be expected to achieve a **minimum of 300 SRP (Sparx Reader Points, awarded for correct answers) per week**, which is the equivalent of 30 minutes of careful reading. Students will be able to see how many points they have achieved via their own log in page.

Homework will be **set and due in each Wednesday**. Homework will be checked by English teachers in students' library lessons, with support given for any student who requires it. Parents and carers will also receive updates from Sparx to let them know whether their child has completed their homework.

Students will have library lessons over the next few weeks where English teachers will show them how to access Sparx reader and complete their homework. Students do not need to do anything additional at home to get set up; this will all be managed in school.

As students need to be enrolled onto the Sparx reader platform this academic year, Sparx reader homework **will not be set until Wednesday 25th September** to allow all students to get to grips with the platform. Until then, English teachers will be setting students independent reading homework to complete which will be visible in student planners.



Sparx reader can be accessed via a computer, tablet or smartphone. If a student does not have access to this technology, they are welcome to visit the school library at break, lunch or after school until 4pm to complete their homework.

If you would like to know anything additional about English homework in KS3, please do not hesitate to contact your child's English teacher.

Kind regards

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