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Dear Parent/ Carer

We're excited to let you know that we've partnered with Sparx to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader. From 19th February 2024 your child will be using Sparx Reader to complete weekly homework. This will complement the homework pupils already complete on Sparx Maths.

Sparx Reader helps every pupil to achieve regular independent reading, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills.

Pupils can choose from a range of ebooks at their appropriate level and as they read, they'll answer questions to check they're reading carefully. Careful readers earn points meaning they can track their progress and 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.

How do they log in?

- ✓ Pupils log in at sparxreader.com. They will need to find Hartshill Academy and log in using their Sparx Maths details.

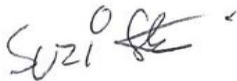
How can I support my child with their reading?

- ✓ Sparx Reader adapts to each pupil's reading level, so it's important that you don't help by answering questions for them.
- ✓ You can however help to provide a quiet space 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; what aspects they're enjoying, or what characters and events they've recently read about.

How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

- ✓ You are able to keep track of the reading your child is doing 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.

Yours sincerely



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