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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Sparx Reader

I am writing to inform you about the expectations regarding your child's English homework using Sparx Reader and to provide helpful information.

At Glenmoor and Winton, we believe it is paramount that we give your child the best possible start to early reading. We aim to foster and inspire a lifelong 'love of reading' in your child and do this in a variety of ways in school, from our homework site Sparx Reader, to celebrating World Book Day, to reading a rich variety of plays and novels within class.

English homework is set weekly on Sparx Reader every Monday and should be completed by Friday that week by 8 AM. Each week's homework consists of logging onto Sparx, reading a book of choice that students can select on the website and then answering comprehension-based questions which will earn them Sparx Reader points as a reward for their reading. **Achieving 200 points marks the completion of the compulsory homework for that week.**

To log in, students should use the "Log in to Sparx using Microsoft" button. This method simplifies the process and allows students to reset their own passwords if forgotten.

We emphasise that students should complete their Sparx Reader homework independently. The programme's algorithm adjusts the difficulty level based on their performance in their reading tests which they will have completed, so working alone ensures every student is at reading level which is appropriate yet providing a challenge for them. This approach also alleviates the pressure on parents/carers to assist with answering questions as the books have been tailored and chosen for pupils.

If the Sparx Reader homework is not completed, your child will be placed into an after-school detention session the following week. If your child has any issue with anything regarding their homework, they can go and speak to their class teacher who will be able to support them in the matter or email me directly.

We believe Sparx Reader has great potential to deepen our students' understanding of language as well as foster life skills which can be used in an outside of the classroom. We are excited to see their progress. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Sparx Reader or any other aspect of your child's education, please contact your child's English teacher or contact myself.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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