



18 September 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **Sparx Reader and Reading Homework Yr 7-9**

We are writing to remind you of the expectations for Year 7 – 9 regarding Sparx Reader homework and to encourage your child to ensure is completing this each week.

It is really important to us that young people are able to practise careful, silent reading for a decent amount of time, without distraction. Sparx Reader reassures us as teachers and parents that focused reading is happening, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.

Your child has a Sparx Reader library lesson allocated once per fortnight and are expected to complete 600 SRP per week as their weekly homework. Your child's homework is set weekly and is visible on Bromcom and SparxReader and you receive weekly updates on your child's progress on Sparx, enabling you to check they have reached the expected SRP points. Every student has a minimum **target reading time of 60 minutes every week = 600 SRP**.

Students can choose from an appropriate range of ebooks at their reading level and as they read, they will answer questions to check they are reading carefully. Careful readers earn points, meaning they can prove they have been focusing and ultimately climb the league table!

Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading and earn above the expected 600 SRP can unlock Gold Reader. This means they can read any paper book from the library or from home by scanning in its barcode.

We encourage you to watch a series of short videos, explaining what Sparx Reader is and how it works, available at <https://sparxreader.com/parents/> or by scanning this QR code:



#### **How do they log in?**

- Students log in at [sparxreader.com](http://sparxreader.com). They will need to find their school and log in using single sign in – using Microsoft.

#### **Which devices are supported?**

- Your child can access Sparx Reader on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

#### **How can I support my child with their reading?**

- Sparx Reader adapts to each student's reading level, so it's important that you don't help by answering questions for them. If you help them, Sparx Reader might think they're a very strong reader and show them books that are too difficult.
- You can help by providing a quiet space and a set amount of time 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 are reading; which aspects they are enjoying, which characters and events they have recently read about or what they think could happen next.





### How can I monitor the reading my child is doing?

- You are able to keep track of your child's reading by clicking through the link to the Parent Portal in your Sparx 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 homeworks and browse books that your child has been reading as part of their current homework.
- When your child finishes their book, we will send you an email celebrating their achievement!

### What support is available at Rooks Heath?

- If your child is struggling to find a quiet space to read, or cannot access a device to complete the reading homework, they might wish to attend our Homework Club, which runs Mon-Fri, 3:15-4:15pm in the Library.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that the weekly target of 600 SRP is achieved each week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk)

Kind regards,

Mrs C Neal  
Head of English

Mrs N Valcheva  
English Teacher, Key Stage 3 Co-Ordinator





If you are unable to read this letter because English is not your first language, please ask someone who speaks English to contact us via email at [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) for a copy of this letter in your language.

**Arabic:** إذا لم تتمكن من قراءة هذه الرسالة لأن اللغة الإنجليزية ليست لغتك الأم، فيرجى الطلب من شخص يتحدث الإنجليزية للحصول على نسخة من هذه الرسالة بلغتك. [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) معنا عبر البريد الإلكتروني

**Gujarati:** જો અંગ્રેજી તમારી પ્રથમ ભાષા ન હોવાને કારણે તમે આ પત્ર વાંચી શકતા ન હોવ, તો કૃપા કરીને અંગ્રેજી જાણતી કોઈ વ્યક્તિને કહો કે તેઓ તમારી ભાષામાં આ પત્રની નકલ મેળવવા માટે [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) પર ઇમેલ દ્વારા અમારો સંપર્ક કરે.

**Portuguese:** Se você não conseguir ler esta carta porque o inglês não é a sua língua materna, por favor, peça a alguém que fale inglês para entrar em contato conosco pelo e-mail [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) e solicitar uma cópia desta carta no seu idioma.

**Polish:** Jeśli nie mogą Państwo przeczytać tego listu, ponieważ angielski nie jest Państwa językiem ojczystym, prosimy poprosić osobę mówiącą po angielsku o kontakt z nami pod adresem [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) w celu uzyskania kopii tego listu w Państwa języku.

**Romanian:** Dacă nu puteți citi această scrisoare deoarece engleza nu este limba dumneavoastră maternă, vă rugăm să rugați o persoană care vorbește engleza să ne contacteze prin e-mail la adresa [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) pentru a obține o copie a scrisorii în limba dumneavoastră.

**Punjabi:** ਜੇਕਰ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਪੜ੍ਹਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਅਸਮਰੱਥ ਹੋ ਕਿਉਂਕਿ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਤੁਹਾਡੀ ਪਹਿਲੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਨਹੀਂ ਹੈ, ਤਾਂ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਅਜਿਹੇ ਵਿਅਕਤੀ ਨੂੰ ਕਹੋ ਜੋ ਅੰਗਰੇਜ਼ੀ ਬੋਲਦਾ ਹੈ, [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) 'ਤੇ ਈਮੇਲ ਰਾਹੀਂ ਸਾਡੀ ਭਾਸ਼ਾ ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਪੱਤਰ ਦੀ ਇੱਕ ਕਾਪੀ ਪ੍ਰਾਪਤ ਕਰਨ ਲਈ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਨ।

**Urdu:** اگر آپ یہ خط پڑھنے سے قاصر ہیں کیونکہ انگریزی آپ کی مادری زبان نہیں ہے، تو براہ کرم انگریزی بولنے والے کسی شخص سے کہیں کہ وہ اس خط کی آپ کی زبان میں کاپی حاصل کرنے کے لیے ہم سے [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) پر ای میل کے ذریعے رابطہ کرے۔

**Farsi :** اگر بہ دلیل اینکه انگلیسی زبان اول شما نیست قادر به خواندن این نامه نمی باشید، لطفاً از فردی که به زبان انگلیسی صحبت می کند بخواهید برای دریافت نسخه ای از این نامه به زبان خودتان، از طریق ایمیل [contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk) با ما تماس بگیرید.

