

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to inform you about how we set homework at The Angmering School. All homework is recorded on an app that you can access called My Child At School (MCAS). You have already been sent your log in, can you please ensure you have looked at this app.

To help our students establish good routines with their homework, we set weekly Maths, Science and Reading homework on one central platform known as Sparx Learning. This will take approximately one hour per subject per week. When students join year 7, homework is gradually phased in through the first half term to support transition to secondary school expectations.

Sparx provides highly personalised homework to students, tailored to their individual attainment level and working speed. Students receive immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try. They earn rewards via XP and/or SRP for completion and effort.

Students log in at the following websites, by finding their school and entering their username (which is their school email) and password. Sparx Learning can be accessed on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.

**Sparx Maths:** [www.sparxmaths.com](http://www.sparxmaths.com)

**Sparx Reader:** [www.sparxreader.com](http://www.sparxreader.com)

**Sparx Science:** [www.sparxscience.com](http://www.sparxscience.com)

We understand how important your child's success is to you. Below, you'll find information about each platform, along with practical advice on how you can support them to complete their homework each week.

### **Sparx Maths**

Your child's homework will be set every week.

- Teachers will set topics for homework that have recently been covered in class and this will make up the majority of each child's homework, but it will also include some questions from previously learnt topics to help consolidate learning.
- Each Sparx Maths question includes a support video and a swap question option, helping your child find the guidance they need on their own. This ensures they always have the tools to succeed.

- Students also have the autonomy to further develop their mathematical knowledge if they desire, via the 'Independent Learning' and XP boost section of the platform.
- Homework will only be marked complete when 100% of the compulsory questions are answered correctly
- You can also find out more about Sparx Maths on the dedicated parent page - [www.sparxmaths.com/parents](http://www.sparxmaths.com/parents)

### **Sparx Reader**

Your child's homework will be set every week.

- 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.
- Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading can unlock '*Gold Reader*'. This means they can read any book of their choice and log their reading by scanning the book's barcode within Sparx Reader.
- Sparx Reader reassures teachers and parents that focused and careful reading is taking place, and that readers of all abilities feel successful and motivated.
- Homework will only be marked complete when the Sparx Reader Points target has been met which is 300 Sparx Reader Points (SRPs) a week which should take one hour.
- You can also find out more about Sparx Reader on the dedicated parent page - [www.sparxreader.com/parents](http://www.sparxreader.com/parents)

### **Sparx Science**

Your child's homework will be set every week.

- Assigned homework will mostly focus on topics recently covered in class, along with consolidation questions on previously covered topics to embed prior learning.
- Every Sparx Science question has support available, helping your child find the guidance they need on their own. This ensures they always have the tools to succeed.
- Students are encouraged to use the 'Independent Learning' section to develop good study habits and improve their recall, they earn additional XP points for all independent learning

- Homework will only complete when 100% of the questions are answered correctly - students can achieve this using the support built in to every question
- Find out more about Sparx Science here: [sparxscience.com](https://www.sparxscience.com)

### **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 Learning will automatically adjust the level of questions provided based on your child's answers.
- We have parent emails enabled, you can keep track of your child's progress within their homework by checking the weekly email sent to you from Sparx.