Dear Parent or Carer,

Sparx Reader homework: Sparx Reader - Home

Every child within Pool Hayes Academy has been given the exciting opportunity to access and use Sparx Reader. Sparx Reader is an online platform to support your child's reading development throughout their time in secondary education. They have been using this throughout the year so far, but we feel that we still could do more to unlock your child's potential.

Supporting reading development is vital in preparation towards students GCSE exams – many of these have a reading age of 16+ and as a school we want to ensure pupils are at this standard for these. We, like yourselves, only want the best for our pupils, so working in partnership together accessing and using Sparx Reader will be laying the foundations for their success.

Sparx Reader homework is set weekly. This can be done at home or completed within our library facility. The aim of this will be to develop their reading skills further and create a love for reading. Sparx Reader homework is set at 3pm, every Friday. The homework hand-in is 9pm, the following Thursday. It is vital that your child completes this each week.

Sparx homework completion is a Pool Hayes expectation. Those who complete Sparx homework will be eligible for some amazing rewards!

I thank you in advance for your support going forward.

If you have any further questions please contact me via cassie.pearson@attrust.org.uk

Many thanks,

Mrs Cassie Pearson – Associate Assistant Principal.

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<u>SPARX READER AT PHA: A PARENT USER GUIDE</u>

How does my child log in?

- Students log in at sparxreader.com

- They will need to type in the name of their school (POOL HAYES ACADEMY) and then select the blue "Log in to Sparx using Microsoft" option. They need to know their school email address. This will be in the following format (please note the number at the beginning relates to the year they started at Pool Hayes Academy):

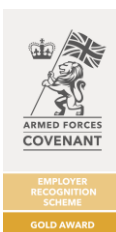22SURNAMEINITIAL-PHA@attrust.org.uk

What devices are supported?

- Your child can access Sparx Reader on any device that connects to the internet with a web browser.
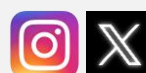
How can I support my child with their reading?

- Sparx Reader adapts to each student's reading level, so it's important that you **<u>don't</u>** 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 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.

Support is available at Pool Hayes Academy:

- Students can use school devices such as iPads, laptops and PCs in the library. The library is available to all students at break and lunchtime, and also after school, until 4pm Tuesday-Thursday.