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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are excited to inform you about Sparx Maths, which is the new homework platform that your child will be using from 3rd July 2024. Sparx is an intelligent platform, providing a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

Your child's homework will be set on Wednesday and due on Wednesday every week. Below you will find some key information about Sparx and how it can help you to support your child's progress.

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are individually targeted, challenging and achievable.
- The majority of each week's homework will be based on recently learnt topics, but it will also include some questions from previous topics to help reinforce their learning.
- Students access their homework on their online Sparx account, where they'll get immediate feedback for each question about whether their answer was correct or they need to have another try.
- While homework is accessed online, it is largely written homework and students should record their work in their workbooks. Sparx has a "bookwork checks" system to help students form this habit.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached so that your child can get help independently.

How can you help your child with their homework?

- Provide a quiet space for your child to focus on their homework each week.
- Encourage them to start their homework on the day it is set so they can get help from their teacher before the deadline if they get stuck. To ensure no gaps form in your child's maths knowledge, homework is not marked as complete until all of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Check the weekly email you'll get from Sparx and praise your child for their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline if they haven't already done so.
- Try not to help your child with a question until they've had a go first. It is essential they try to complete their homework independently so that Sparx can give them questions that are at the right level for them. Direct them to the support videos if they need them

What support is available at The Angmering School?

- Drop in support - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday lunchtimes in B35.
- The Library has computers available to be used for homework.
- Maths teachers can loan chromebooks to students at lunchtimes.
- If a student needs more support after watching the video, they can talk to their maths teacher

We hope you agree that Sparx will play an exciting and important role in growing your child's understanding, success and confidence in maths.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Northwood (DNorthwood@theangmeringschool.co.uk) or Mrs Abbott (KAbbott@theangmeringschool.co.uk) directly.

Kind regards

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