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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to inform you that from the week beginning Monday 23rd September 2024, your child will be using Sparx Maths to complete their weekly maths homework. Sparx provides a highly personalised weekly homework to students, tailored to their attainment level and working speed.

Your child's homework will be set every Wednesday and will be due in and checked by the class teacher the following Wednesday each week.

We know you want to support your child's maths progress, so we are sending this letter to explain how Sparx works and how you can help your child complete their homework each week.

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalised homework to each child, with questions that are challenging yet achievable, and tailored to their learning needs.
- 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 predominantly a written homework, and students should record their work in their workbooks. Sparx has a "bookwork check" system to help students form this habit.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached so that your child can get help independently.
- Your child will score XP for completing sections of their homework and independent learning – this is celebrated in class regularly and in year group assemblies each term.

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 early 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 **100%** of the compulsory questions have been answered correctly.
- Check the weekly email you'll get from Sparx and praise your child for starting or completing their homework. Encourage them to finish it before the deadline (Tuesday evening) 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. Remember they can watch the support videos if they need to.

What support is available at The Malling School?

- Regular in-class updates and information will be provided by the class teacher regarding completion rates and common misconceptions.
- Termly awards assemblies are held to celebrate students with 100% completion rates and high scoring XP (Sparx points system).
- If you are experiencing any log-in issues, please speak to your class teacher or Mr Atkinson.
- Further information and help videos can be found on [The Malling School website in the Student Info area](#).

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

We will be setting aside some time in class at the start of term to support students with getting set up, familiarised and completing the induction tasks so that by the time the first homework is set your child will already know their username and password and how to log in and complete tasks. Your child will also be provided with an exercise book to keep at home and write down their working and answers for each question.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; peter.atkinson@themallingschool.kent.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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