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Dear Parents and Carers,

Home Learning

This week, students attended House assemblies about learning at Barlby High School and our expectations for home learning.

We know how deeply your child's progress matters to you and we want to make sure that this year is their most successful yet. We are pleased to share that Key Stage 3 students will be using two interactive platforms designed to build real confidence and boost their skills:

- **Sparx:** Tailored tasks set by their Science and Maths teachers to sharpen problem-solving and master core concepts.
- **Reading Plus:** An adaptive reading program set by their English teachers to develop comprehension, expand vocabulary, and encourage a love for reading.

To keep things simple and organised, teachers will log all home learning directly onto Edulink with a clear, weekly deadline.

This is an excellent opportunity for your child to unlock their full potential, celebrate weekly milestones, and build independent study habits that will serve them for life.

How does my child access Reading Plus?

1. Students can access Reading Plus at <https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/signin>
2. Click 'pupil'
3. Select 'sign in with Google'

Students logging in for the first time will be supported by their class teacher.

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How does my child access Sparx?

1. Students can access Sparx Maths and Science at <https://sparxmaths.com/> or <https://sparxscience.com/>
2. Type the name of your school
3. Select “**Log in to Sparx using Google**” using their existing school single sign-on credentials.
4. Students will be guided through the login process during school time.

For more information about Sparx, including how it supports your child's learning, please visit:
<https://sparxmaths.com/parents/>

How can you help your child with their Home Learning?

- Provide a quiet space, free from distractions
- Encourage your child to start early, so they have time to seek help before the deadline.
- Let your child try questions independently before stepping in to help—this ensures Sparx can continue to adapt to their level accurately.
- Check the weekly email you'll receive from Sparx. You can use the Parent Portal link in the email to track your child's progress in both Maths and Science (Parental names and email addresses are shared with Sparx solely for this purpose. You have the right to unsubscribe from this service at any time).
- Remind them they can use the support videos in Maths or read through the guidance in Science when they need help.

Non-core subjects set Home Learning as needed via Edulink.

Yours sincerely,

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