

SparxReader at BBIH

Promoting a Love of Reading through SparxReader

At BBIH, we are dedicated to fostering a love of reading and developing confident, fluent readers at every stage of their learning journey. Literacy is the foundation of academic success and is crucial for students to access the wider curriculum and realise their full potential. As part of our holistic approach to supporting reading, we use *SparxReader* to help students build strong, sustainable reading habits, which will serve them throughout their lives.

What is SparxReader?

SparxReader is an engaging online platform designed to improve reading fluency and comprehension. It offers a unique and personalised experience, ensuring that each student's reading journey is both enjoyable and effective. With SparxReader, students benefit from:

- A broad selection of books that match their individual reading levels and personal interests.
- Interactive quizzes to enhance vocabulary, comprehension, and understanding.
- A rewarding system that motivates students by recognising their reading efforts and progress.
- Real-time data that allows teachers to monitor engagement and track improvements.

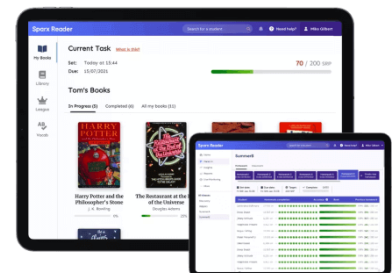
How Do We Use SparxReader at BBIH?

- To ensure that reading becomes a regular and rewarding part of students' routines, we schedule fortnightly SparxReader sessions during the school day. During these sessions, students:
 - Read books that are carefully matched to their reading levels.
 - Complete comprehension tasks to check and improve their understanding
 - Receive guidance and encouragement from teachers, who track progress and provide support.
 - Are encouraged to continue their reading at home, strengthening their engagement with texts.

Information for Parents and Carers

How can you support at home?

- Encourage your child to read regularly using *SparxReader*.
- Take an interest in their reading journey by discussing the books, characters, and information they are discovering.
- Celebrate their progress by praising their effort and engagement.



- Ensure your child logs in consistently and completes quizzes to the best of their ability.
- For more information on how to support your child, you can watch this short video: [Parent's Guide to SparxReader](#)

You will receive helpful emails, including:

- A welcome email when your child is set up with *SparxReader*.
- Weekly emails with details of tasks set for your child, along with a link to the *Parent Portal* for further insights into their homework.
- A celebratory email each time your child finishes an e-book, so you can share in their progress and achievements.

Why *SparxReader*?

- It enhances reading stamina and fluency over time.
- It ensures students are challenged by reading materials that match their level, promoting growth without overwhelming them.
- It supports reluctant readers by making reading more accessible and enjoyable.
- It enables teachers and parents to track reading progress, offering a clear picture of each student's improvement.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How often should my child use *SparxReader*?

A: Students have dedicated sessions every two weeks at school. However, we encourage them to read at least 20 minutes a day at home, using *SparxReader* to support their reading practice.

Q: Does *SparxReader* replace reading physical books?

A: No. *SparxReader* is a complement to traditional reading. We encourage students to explore a variety of reading materials, including physical books, magazines, and online texts. *SparxReader* provides personalised support, while traditional books foster a broader reading experience.

Q: How do I know what my child is reading?

A: Your child can easily share what they're reading and their progress through their *SparxReader* account. They can show you their current book and reading dashboard, allowing you to stay involved in their reading journey.

Q: What if my child is struggling to read at home?

A: If your child finds reading difficult, please reach out to their English teacher or our literacy coordinator. We are here to support them with extra resources, suggest appropriate books, and make reading an enjoyable experience.

Q: Can *SparxReader* be used on phones or tablets?

A: Yes. *SparxReader* works seamlessly on smartphones, tablets, laptops, and desktop computers, offering flexibility in how students can engage with their reading.

The Bigger Picture: Why does Reading Matter?

Research consistently shows that reading for pleasure is one of the most significant predictors of future academic success. It expands vocabulary, improves critical thinking skills, nurtures empathy, and even supports mental health. Through *SparxReader* and our comprehensive literacy strategy, we aim to instill a lifelong love of reading in every student at BBIH, empowering them to succeed both academically and in life.