



**St Cuthbert's
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Dear Parent/Carer

Sparx Maths Online Platform

We are excited to inform you that this academic year, 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 on Wednesday at 9am and due by the following Wednesday at 8am every week. Students are encouraged to complete their homework by Monday as this gives them an opportunity to ask their class teacher for help should it be required.

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.

Students have attended an assembly to explain how Sparx Maths works, their class teachers have shown them how to log in and they will be given them an opportunity to navigate the system during lesson. They can access Sparx Maths on most electronic devices such as personal computers, laptops, tablets and phones.

For any Students who would prefer to complete their homework during the school day, or who do not have access to the necessary equipment, they should attend 'Sparx Club' during Tuesday lunchtime to ensure that all homework is completed.

What is Sparx Maths Homework?

- Sparx provides personalized 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 checks" system to help students form this habit. Students should use their yellow book they have for their knowledge organiser.
- Every question in Sparx has a support video attached to it 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 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 **all** 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 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.
- At Sparxmaths.uk you will find an FAQ section that should answer any queries you may have.





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To log in their user name is their school email e.g., 24BloggsJ@stcuthberts.com and their password is the same password they use to access the school computers. Students should speak to their class teacher or Student Services to have their password reset if required.

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

Kind regards

C Gordon

Mrs Gordon
Curriculum Leader for Mathematics.

