

Station Road, Backwell, Bristol BS48 3BX Tel: 01275 463371 mailbox@backwellschool.net www.backwellschool.net

Headteacher: Jon Nunes MA

September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 8 – Sparx Reader.

We are excited to let you know that we have partnered with Sparx to start using their new reading platform, Sparx Reader.

Sparx Reader helps every student to achieve regular independent reading, which is incredibly important for building vital literacy skills. Students can choose from a range of ebooks. As students read, they will see quick questions to check they are reading carefully. Careful readers earn points so they can track their progress and climb the league table!

Motivated readers who demonstrate consistent, careful reading will unlock Gold Reader, meaning they can read any paper book from the library or from home by scanning in its barcode.

How do Students log in?

Students log in using their Sparx Maths username and password. Search 'Sparx Reader' to find the login page.

What devices are supported?

Any internet-connected device with a web browser can access Sparx Reader.

How can I support my child with their reading?

Sparx Reader adapts to each student's reading level, so it is actually best not to help with answering the questions. Sparx Reader can assess the reading level each student is reaching and recommend appropriate texts.

The best way to support your child is to ask them about the book they are reading; what aspects they are enjoying, or what characters and events they have recently read about.

Yours sincerely

Mac Elliott Curriculum Leader for English