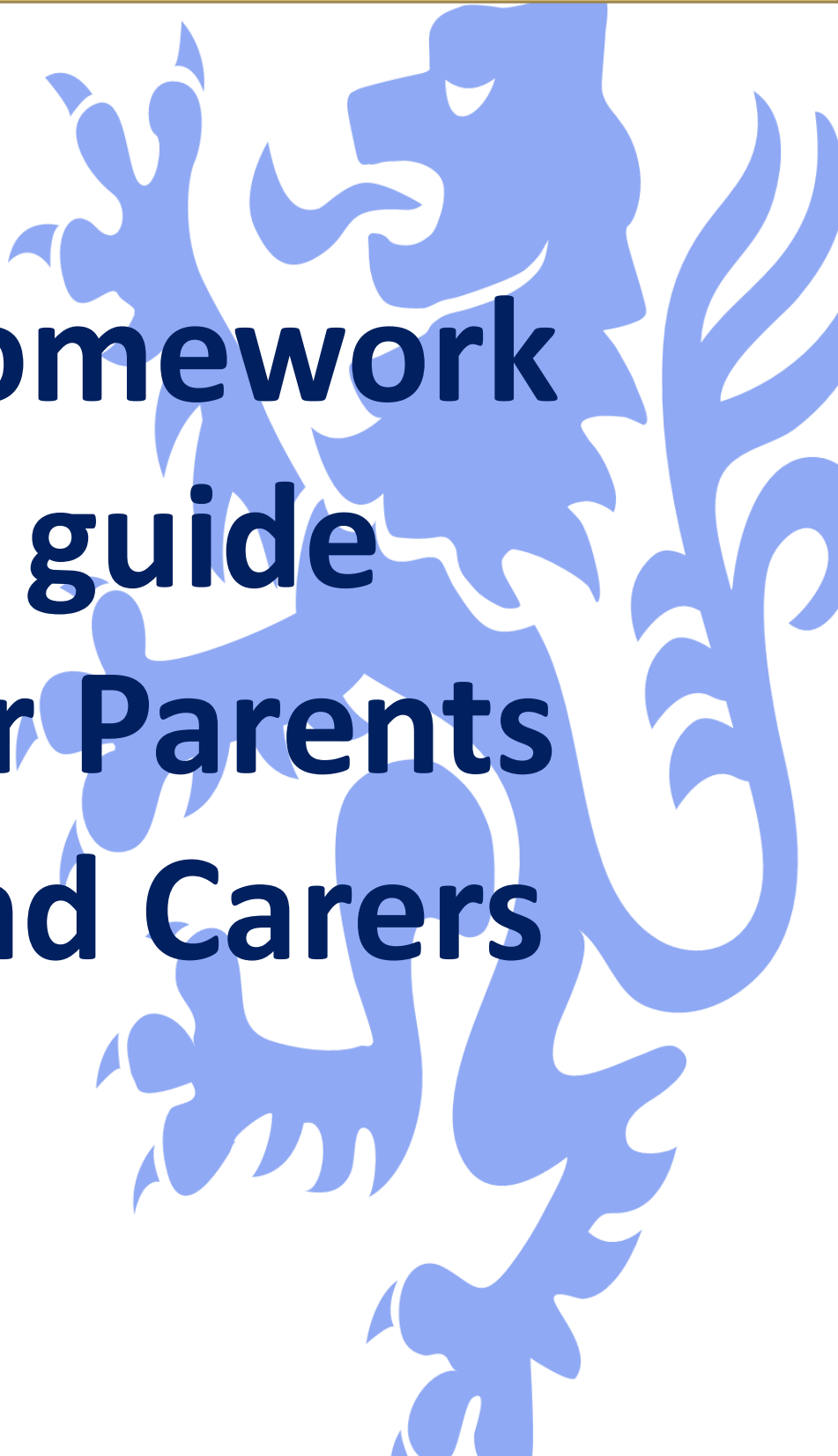




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Homework guide for Parents and Carers



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As part of this commitment, we have developed a clear and purposeful approach to homework that supports each child's learning journey.

Why homework matters

Homework that is directly linked to in-class learning, when completed consistently, can have a significantly positive impact on the progress of young people.

The Education Endowment Foundation found that students who regularly completed homework made an average of **5 months additional progress** compared to those who did not complete homework.

Homework provides students with valuable opportunities to

- practise and apply what they have learned in class,
- enhance learning by studying additional information or examples linked to the topic
- develop time management, discipline, and responsibility, and
- prepare for the demands of Key Stage 4 courses.

Homework will support the curriculum that is being delivered in the classroom.

We understand that family life varies, so homework will only be set when it serves a clear educational purpose:

- ✓ Enhancing the curriculum;
- ✓ Driving learning forward; or
- ✓ Supporting long-term memory

Weekly Homework Platforms:



English

Sparx Maths

Maths



Science

The homework added to the SIMs App will contain links to each platform.

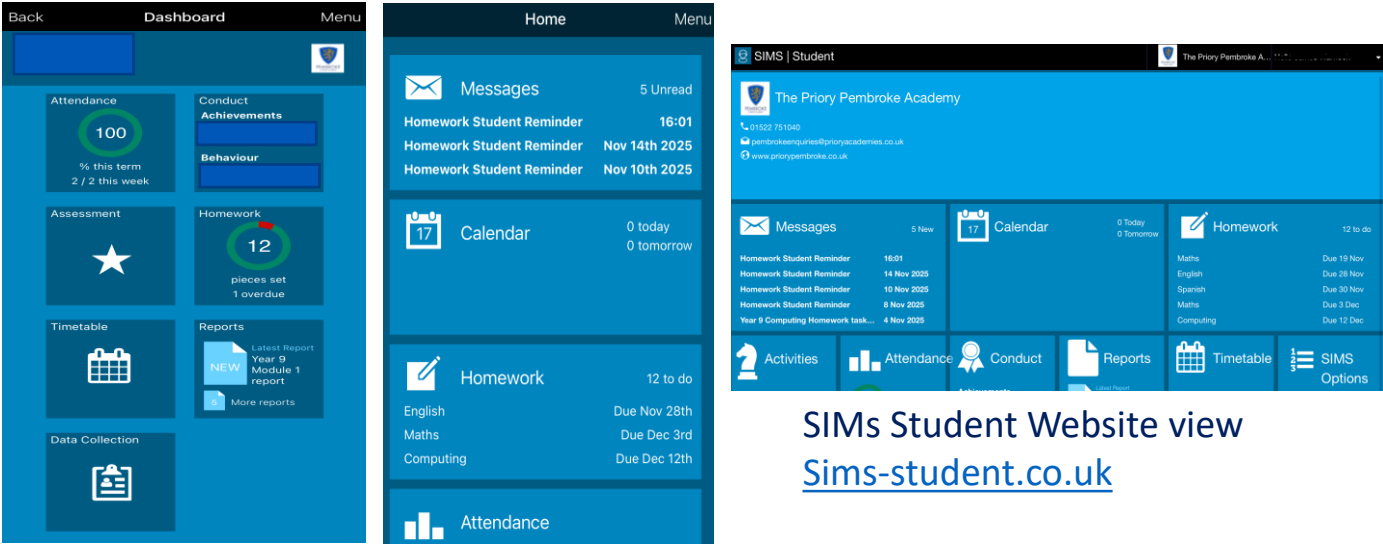
Other subjects:

- Homework will be set **at least**
 - **Approximately 30 minutes, once per module (Y7-9) and**
 - **Approximately 30-60 minutes, twice per module (10 and 11)**
- A reasonable deadline will be given (at least a week)



How will homework be set for all year groups?

All Homework will be set using the SIMs App.
This will allow students and parents or carers to see homework tasks, resources and due dates.

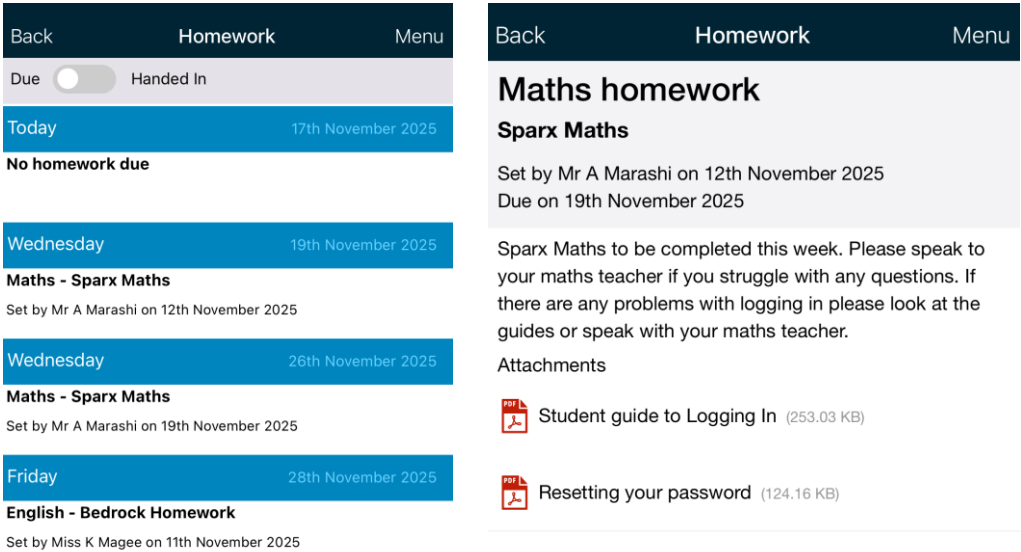


SIMs Student Website view
[Sims-student.co.uk](https://sims-student.co.uk)

SIMs Parent App view SIMs Student App view

Accessing Homework on the SIMs App

All homework, even those set for future dates, can be viewed in the same format on both the Parent and Student Apps.
Links to Sparx./Bedrock/Educake etc within the app will take you out of the SIMs app to the log in page.

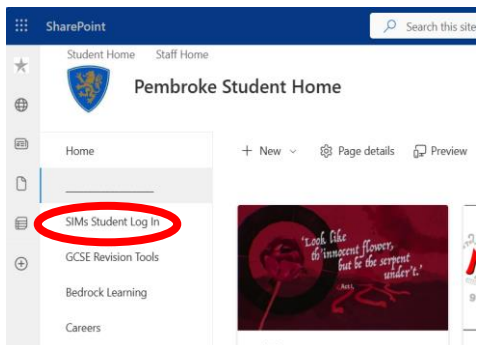


Please be aware, the SIMs App does not ‘talk’ directly to the online platforms.
This means submitting a task on Educake etc does not automatically mark work as submitted on the SIMs App.
Where teachers have asked students to bring work into school, they will update each student’s profile when homework has been received.

Submitting Homework on the SIMs App

The SIMs Parent and Student Apps do not currently offer the function to hand in work completed.

Students will need to log into www.sims-student.co.uk (laptop, tablet, desktop). A link to this can be found on the Pembroke Student SharePoint page, and also the Homework section of the school website. To sign in, students should click the Microsoft logo. If they have access the link through SharePoint or on a school device, they will automatically be logged in.

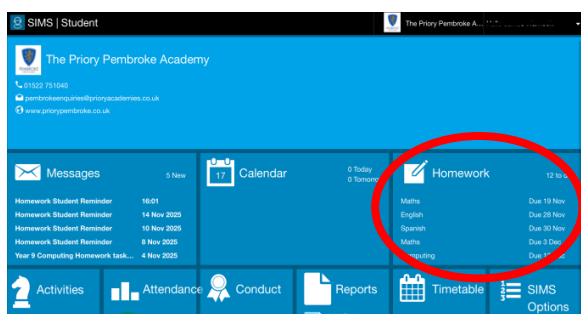


If the student is accessing without first logging into SharePoint or Citrix, they will need to click the Microsoft logo,

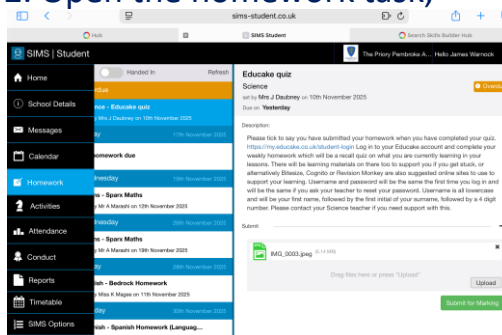


and will be asked to provide a user name and password. This is their school email address (E22****@prioryacademies.co.uk) and password they use in school. Students will need to upload a document or photo and then click the 'submit for marking' button.

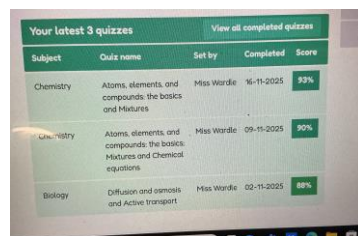
1. Select the Homework section,



2. Open the homework task,



3. Click 'upload' to add a file or image (the image can be a screengrab or photo of the completed task)
Students will then click the 'submit for marking' button.



Subject	Quiz name	Set by	Completed	Score
Chemistry	Atoms, elements and compounds: the basics and Mixtures	Miss Wardle	16-11-2025	93%
Geography	Atoms, elements and compounds: the basics Mixtures and Chemical equations	Miss Wardle	09-11-2025	90%
Biology	Diffusion and osmosis and Active transport	Miss Wardle	02-11-2025	88%

When the 'Submit for marking' button is clicked, the task moves to the 'Handed In' tab. This can be viewed in the SIMs Apps as well as the web version.

Homework feedback & rewards

We celebrate all homework efforts!

Staff will issue a minimum 1 reward point per homework attempted. This may take a few days post submission to appear on your child's app.

Staff may award extra points for homework, this could be for many reasons, including exceptional effort, excellent quality, high scores or progress on previous work.

Instant feedback is provided via platforms (Bedrock, Sparx, Seneca etc) with students able to see their score and review answers. Staff will monitor these scores to add rewards points. Homework completion and scores will feed into Attitude to Learning grades in student reports.

Open-ended tasks may receive whole-class feedback (if appropriate for the task) and will be awarded reward points.

Maths, English and Science run an additional reward program with regular prize draws for students who engage with homework.

Missed Homework

The first time homework is missed, staff will give students a reminder and extended the deadline if appropriate.

If the homework is still not complete, students will be given a ***failure to complete homework*** conduct point. This will carry 0 behaviour points, but will inform parents, carers, the student and form tutor.

If a student repeatedly misses homework, the class teacher may contact home to establish any concerns or barriers to completion and to offer support.

How do we ensure every child is able to access homework?

We want every student to succeed, and have put a number of strategies in place to ensure every child is able to access homework.

Bedrock and Sparx homework are set according to your child's current academic levels based on introductory assessments completed in school. As your child completes tasks, the app is 'learning' and adjusting tasks to provide the correct level of challenge that will enable your child to continue to make progress while feeling successful.

Online based homework platforms also offer accessibility tools, such as videos to explain key learning or accessibility features such as magnifying, video captions, choice of dyslexia friendly fonts and coloured overlays.

Staff will also include help sheets and clear instructions when issuing homework through the SIMs app. Copies of these help sheets can be found in the [Accessing Homework: Guidance and Support Documents](#) page of the Academy website.

If your child needs access to resources, such as to use a school computer to upload and submit a completed homework task, or a quiet space to work, we offer:

- **Homework Club (Computer Lab 4)** – Monday and Tuesday 3:05 - 4pm.
- **Independent Study (Library)** – Daily from 8:10–8:30am (with breakfast) and 3:05–4:00pm

Staff are available during these times to provide guidance and support to students as they complete homework or other school projects.

If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium and you would like to discuss additional support, please contact Miss L Empson via the contact details below.

Who do I contact if we have any questions or concerns?

For general homework or accessibility queries, please email pembrokeenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

If support is needed, you should contact your child’s form tutor or subject teacher in the first instance. If you feel you need further support, please contact your child's Head of House or the relevant Subject contact listed below.

Head of House	Subject Contact
De Clare – Miss Whelan	Mathematics and Sparx Maths – Mr Marashi
De Ferrers – Mr Greene	English and Bedrock Learning – Miss Farrell
De La Haye – Mr Stansfield	Science Educake - Mrs Daubney
De Valance – Miss Harty	Humanities – Miss Hale
	Spanish and Languagenut – Mrs Williams
	Performing Arts – Mr R Lawson-Smyth
	Art and Technology – Mrs Brewer
	PE, Computing and Business – Mr Selby

The Academy website www.priorypembroke.co.uk also contains a number of help sheets.



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Homework

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Accessing homework: Guidance and support documents

Technical support for accessing homework provision can be found in the links below.

Frequently Asked Questions

If you are having trouble accessing any of the online resources, please check the links below. If you still cannot find the answer to your question regarding homework, please contact your child's Form Tutor or email pembrokeenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

[How do I Log into Microsoft Teams?](#)

[How do I access my school desktop \(Citrix\)?](#)

[How do I access SharePoint through Citrix?](#)

[How do I send an email using my school email \(microsoft outlook\)?](#)

[How do I print at home if I am working in Citrix?](#)

[How do I edit a PDF document?](#)



English Homework: Bedrock Learning

Bedrock Learning:

Is an online platform designed to improve your child's reading ability and comprehension via fiction and non-fiction texts.

It does this through practice of:

- Comprehension passages – inference and understanding.
- Learning new vocabulary.
- Improving knowledge of grammar: word class and sentence construction.

Search Bedrock Learning or use the link in your homework instructions:

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 **Bedrock Learning**
<https://app.bedrocklearning.org> ⋮

Bedrock Learning: Digital Literacy Curriculum

Welcome to **Bedrock Learning**. Sign in. Forgotten your password? (Staff & Guardians). Or log in with...
Office 365 Google. Guardian sign up Request a trial.

Bedrock Login:

Login details have been given to each pupil and have been copied into their planners. If you have any issues with your child's login details, please email their English Teacher.

Welcome to Bedrock Learning

Sign in

Bedrock Tasks:

Students must complete tasks in either category each week and aim to complete 20 minutes a week.



Bedrock Engagement:

2 week's homework = 20/40 points (This is roughly about 20 mins a week)

Engagement points are assigned through:

- How much time is spend reading a particular section of text.
- Levels of engagement.
- How many questions are completed correctly.

What will not get you engagement points:

- Reading something too quickly / scanning a text
- 'Clicking through' arrows and drop downs randomly

Bedrock Rewards:

The aim is to reward people who are engaging regularly in Bedrock as this will have a direct impact in improving their reading ability!

- 6 x weeks of consistent engagement (120 points) = certificate and raffle
- 2 x full modules of engagement (240 points) = a week's queue jump
- 3 x modules in a row (360 points) = vouchers for Amazon and Waterstones
- 4+ modules = first priority for author visits, library sessions and English trips

Bedrock FAQs:

- How do I know if my child's teacher has seen it?

Your child's teacher will receive a weekly report tracking the engagement of those in their class. They can see easily who is engaging with Bedrock.

- What if my child gets the answers wrong?

Bedrock will automatically adjust the difficulty of questions to your child's abilities, so mistakes are welcome to ensure they are being challenged adequately. It is designed to mirror their ability and help them improve over time.

- Will I be able to monitor their engagement?

Bedrock has a parent / carer log in function so that you can see what your child is engaging with. There will be more about this in due course.

Mathematics Homework: Sparx Maths

Sparx Maths Homework is an online learning platform that creates personalised maths homework for students aged 11-16.

We believe that practice makes perfect, so each week, your child's teacher selects the topics that have been taught in class and we build a personalised set of questions to match your child's current level of understanding.

Our aim is for all children to strive for **100% completion** of their homework.

By consistently using Sparx Maths, your child can build a solid foundation in maths and achieve their full potential.

 Teachers select topics that have been taught in class.	 Sparx Maths builds a personalised set of questions.	 Students complete their homework online.
 Teachers monitor homework so they can motivate and support students.	 Parents can monitor homework using Parent Portal and receive an email before homework is due.	 Teachers receive powerful insights each week.

How does Sparx Maths make sure difficulty levels are correct?

Our aim is to provide personalised, challenging and attainable homework that every child can complete each week.

We constantly monitor homework and listen to teachers, so we can match your child's understanding. Each question also has a short video tutorial to help your child if they are stuck.

By progressing through each homework on their own, with the support from you and their teacher when needed, your child will have the best opportunity to answer 100% of the questions correctly.

How can I help my child with their Sparx Maths Homework?

We believe your child can answer all of the questions correctly in their homework, but we know there may be times when they struggle, so how can you support your child with their homework?

Our top three tips for you and your child when using Sparx Maths...

- Encourage them to tackle it on their own
- Nudge them to use the support videos
- Suggest that they start early to give plenty of time for help if they need it.

Parent and carer information videos:

What is Sparx Maths?: <https://youtu.be/3itSb5PS7YQ>

Difficulty levels: <https://youtu.be/UHEYgEuuPq4>

Helping my child with Sparx Maths: <https://youtu.be/tbbpM6C6an4>

Why is my child encouraged to do written tasks as well?: <https://youtu.be/XRaUKceEmvw>

Student information videos

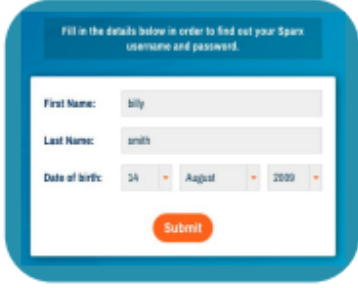
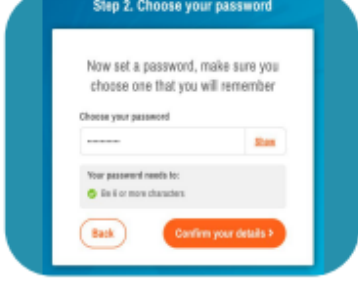
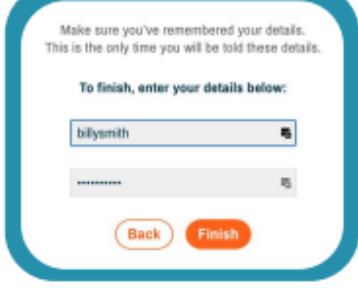
Getting started: <https://youtu.be/pHfsuDHVw0Q>

How book checks work: <https://youtu.be/TcjDMDcFRU8>

Learning tips: <https://youtu.be/-C9hRKqJOIY>

Student Guide to Logging In

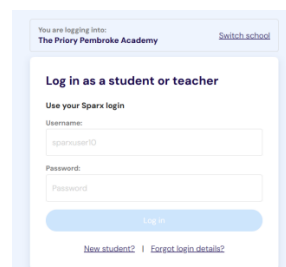
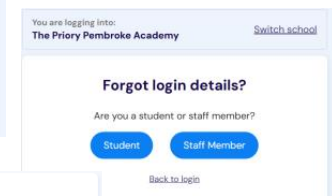
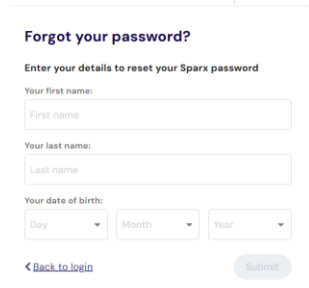
- 1 Go to sparx.co.uk and click **Log in**
- 2 Select **Student Login**
- 3 Carefully select your school from the list
- 4 Select **New Sparx user**
- 5 Enter your:
 - First Name
 - Last Name
 - Date of Birth
- 6 Click **Submit**
- 7 You will be prompted to set your own password. The password must be at least 6 characters long and you will need to remember it
- 8 Confirm your username and password, and click **Finish**
- 9 You can now log in to Sparx using your username and password
- 10 If a password is lost, you can select the option to request a new password from your teacher

Sparx - How to reset your password

1. Go the Sparx Maths website and enter the school name: "The Priory Pembroke Academy"
2. Click on "Forgot login details" and then "student"
3. Enter in your name and date of birth

This should send a message to your teacher; they can authorise a password reset. Do let them know you have done this. Then you can reset your password and log into Sparx.

Science Homework: Educake

Educake is an online platform that supports learning in science. Teachers assign quizzes for students to complete as part of their homework or revision, and students receive instant feedback to help them identify areas of strength and improvement.

Benefits for Your Child:

- Engaging Learning: Educake offers fun, interactive quizzes that can be completed anywhere, at any time.
- Immediate Feedback: Your child will receive their quiz results straight away, allowing them to see what they got right and where they need more practice.
- Independent Study: In addition to teacher-assigned quizzes, your child can explore other topics and quizzes on their own, helping them take control of their learning.
- Boosting Confidence: By practising with regular quizzes, your child can build confidence in tackling challenging subjects and mastering key skills

How You Can Support Your Child:

As a parent, you play an important role in helping your child get the most out of Educake. Here are some ways you can support their learning journey:

- Create a Routine: Encourage your child to use Educake regularly, whether it's to complete homework or do extra revision.
- Review Results Together: Take time to go over quiz results with your child. This will help you understand their progress and identify areas where they might need more support.
- Encourage Their Efforts: Praise your child's successes and offer positive encouragement, especially when they work hard on challenging areas.

Getting Started:

1. Login Information: Each child will be given a unique login for Educake.
2. Teachers will assign quizzes as part of regular homework or classwork. Encourage your child to stay up-to-date with these assignments.
3. Independent Use: While teachers will assign specific quizzes, your child can also browse topics and take additional quizzes for further practice.

To find out more about Educake, please watch these short videos:

Educake for Parents: <https://youtu.be/Y5GEZV6-23k>

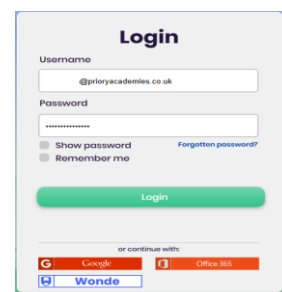
How Educake supports your child's revision: <https://youtu.be/U1HKG-BV9zc>

Languages Homework: Languagenut

Languagenut allows pupils to practise vocabulary, phrases, grammar, and exam skills at home or in homework clubs—building understanding and independence. As you may know, regular practice is key to learning a language successfully.

Here's how to get started:

1. Search for **'Languagenut'** on Google, use the link in the homework information or visit www.languagenut.com or download the free iPad app.
2. Click on **'Login'** (located at the top right or middle right of the page).
3. Enter the personal login details provided by your Spanish teacher.



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Username
@prioryacademies.co.uk

Password
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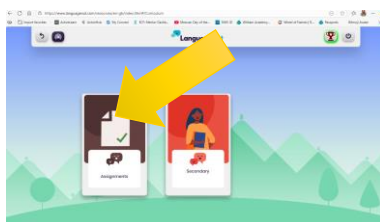
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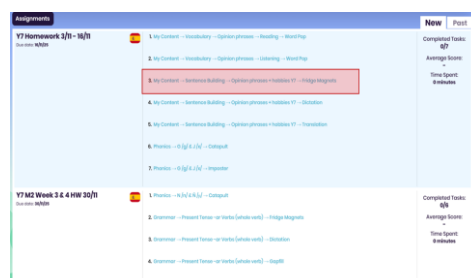
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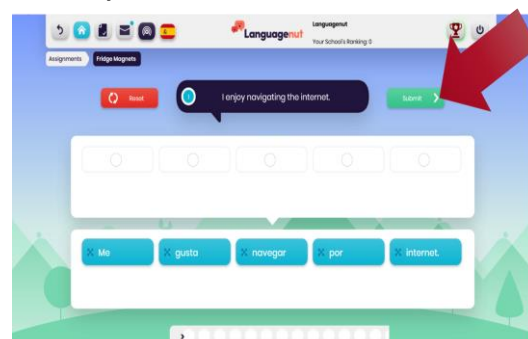
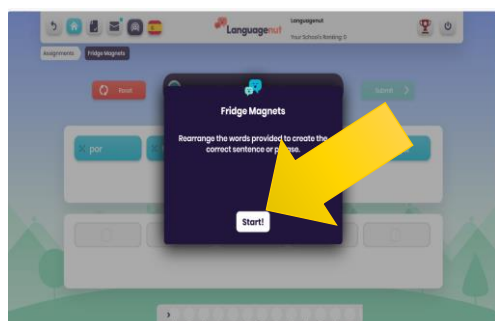
5. View New and Past assignments



6. Click on the selected assignment



7. Read the instructions and then press start
8. When you have finished, click submit



Please watch this video for more details about Languagenut: <https://youtu.be/lbJdFdM0osk>