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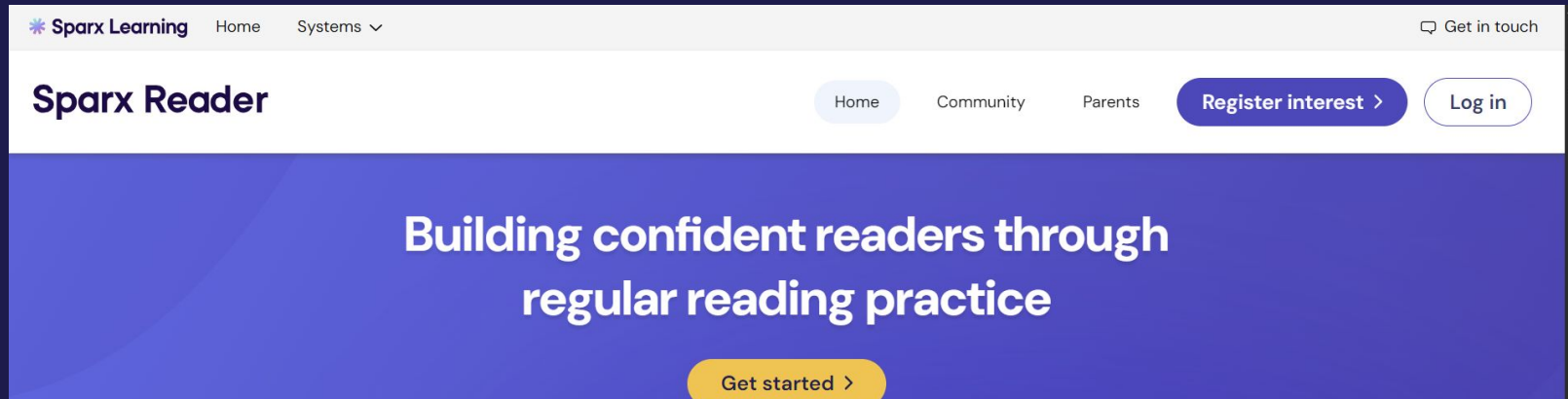
Sparx Reader
Student and Parent
Support Guide

The Sparx Reader logo, which consists of a blue square with a white curved line on the left side. The text "Sparx" is in white and "Reader" is in a larger white font, both positioned to the right of the curved line.

Sparx
Reader

What is Sparx Reader

- Online literacy programme for KS3 students
- Personalised reading experience with books matched to each student's level
- Includes comprehension quizzes after each book
- School-managed – teachers set reading goals and track progress
- Weekly reading tasks set by the English Department





Logging In

There is no direct parent sign-up. Access is managed by the Cotham School's English Department.

As a parent, you can log in using your child's login details. This would be the same as login as their school Gmail.

Note: *You CANNOT use a personal Google account – only school login works!*

Logging In

Website:

- Go to https://selectschool.sparxmaths.uk/?app=sparx_reader
- Search for and select "Cotham School"
- Click "Log in to Sparx using Google"
- Use school email and password

Sparx Reader

Select your school

Start typing the name of your school to begin searching.

Search results	
Cotham School	Bristol
Cotham Lawn Road, Bristol, BS6 6DT	
Scott Medical and Healthcare College	Plymouth
Somerset Place, Plymouth, PL3 4BD	
Midhurst Rother College	Midhurst
North Street, Midhurst, GU29 9DT	
Co-op Academy Failsforth	Failsforth
Briarley Avenue, Failsforth, M35 9HA	

Sparx Learning

You are logging into:
Cotham School

Log in as a student or teacher

G Log in to Sparx using Google

or

Use your Sparx login

Username:

sparxuser10

Password:

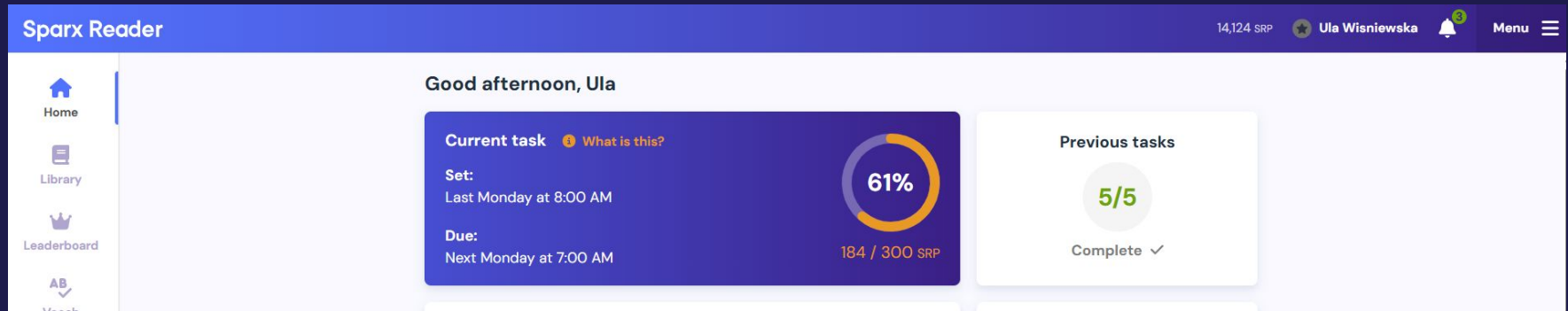
Password

Log in

Dashboard

Once you have logged in, you will have access to your child's Dashboard. Through the "Home" tab, you can view:

- The current and previous tasks set by your child's English teacher.
- The current/latest book they are reading.
- Your child's class ranking.
- Books completed, quiz scores and reading times.



The screenshot shows the Sparx Reader interface. At the top, a blue header bar contains the "Sparx Reader" logo on the left, and user information on the right: "14,124 SRP", a star icon, the name "Ula Wisniewska", a notification bell with a green badge showing "3", and a "Menu" button with a hamburger icon.

Below the header, the main content area has a light blue background. On the left is a vertical sidebar with four icons: a house for "Home", a book for "Library", a crown for "Leaderboard", and a book with a checkmark for "My Book".

The main content area starts with a greeting "Good afternoon, Ula". Below this are two primary task cards:

- Current task** (dark blue card): Includes a link "What is this?", "Set: Last Monday at 8:00 AM", "Due: Next Monday at 7:00 AM", a circular progress indicator showing "61%", and a score "184 / 300 SRP".
- Previous tasks** (light blue card): Shows a green circle with "5/5" and the text "Complete ✓".

Dashboard



Sparx Reader

14,124 SRP

★ Ula Wisniewska



Menu



Home



Library



Leaderboard



Vocab



Gold Reader

Good afternoon, Ula

Current task 🔔 What is this?

Set:

Last Monday at 8:00 AM

Due:

Next Monday at 7:00 AM



184 / 300 SRP

Previous tasks

5/5

Complete ✓

Latest book



Sherlock Holmes: The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle

Arthur Conan Doyle



Start Reading

Choose a different book

Unlock Gold Reader



Reach 5 stars to unlock a 5-week Gold Reader pass!



[Go to Gold Reader](#)

👑 Leaderboard

Current position in your class this year

🏆 1st

[View full table](#)

AB Vocab practice

Last completed

18 days ago

[Practise vocab](#)

Dashboard

Sparx Reader

14,124 SRP

Ula Wisniewska

3

Menu

Home

Library

Leaderboard

Good afternoon, Ula

Current task

What is this?

61%

Previous tasks

5/5

Set:

Last Monday at 8:00 AM

Due:

Monday at 7:00 AM

184 / 300 SRP

Current Task

This is your active task. You can complete it by gaining SRP which are awarded for reading books. Check out the library to find your next book to read.

Close

Current position in your class this year

1st

View full table

Last completed

18 days ago

Practise vocab

By selecting the “What is this?” option in the Current Task box, you will get an explanation on what needs to be achieved to complete the task.

Reading Goals

How Books Are Chosen:

- System picks books perfect for your reading level
- Mix of fiction and non-fiction
- Books get slightly harder as you improve

Reading Targets:

- Teachers set weekly reading goals (e.g. 30 minutes)
- Progress bar shows how close you are to your target

Reading Books

1. Choose a book from your recommended list
2. Click to open it
3. Adjust text size if needed
4. Bookmark your page

Taking Quizzes

- Complete the quiz after finishing the book
- Questions test understanding of the material
- Need to pass to move forward

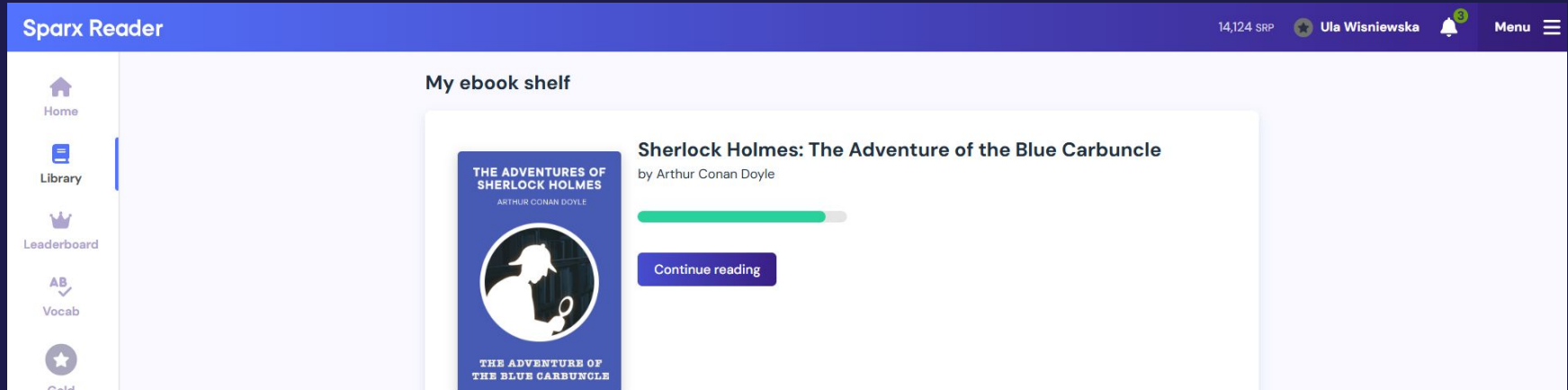
If You Don't Pass:

- You can re-read the book and try again
- Builds understanding and comprehension skills

eBook Library

Students and parents can browse the Library tab to select books:

- Mix of fiction and non-fiction
- Books matched to reading level
- Students can choose what they read
- Teachers set reading goals (time-based)



Tracking Progress

Your Reading Stats:

- Books completed
- Average quiz scores
- Reading time for the week

Rewards & Achievements:

- Earn stars for regular reading
- Unlock special badges for hitting milestones
- SPR points track your progress

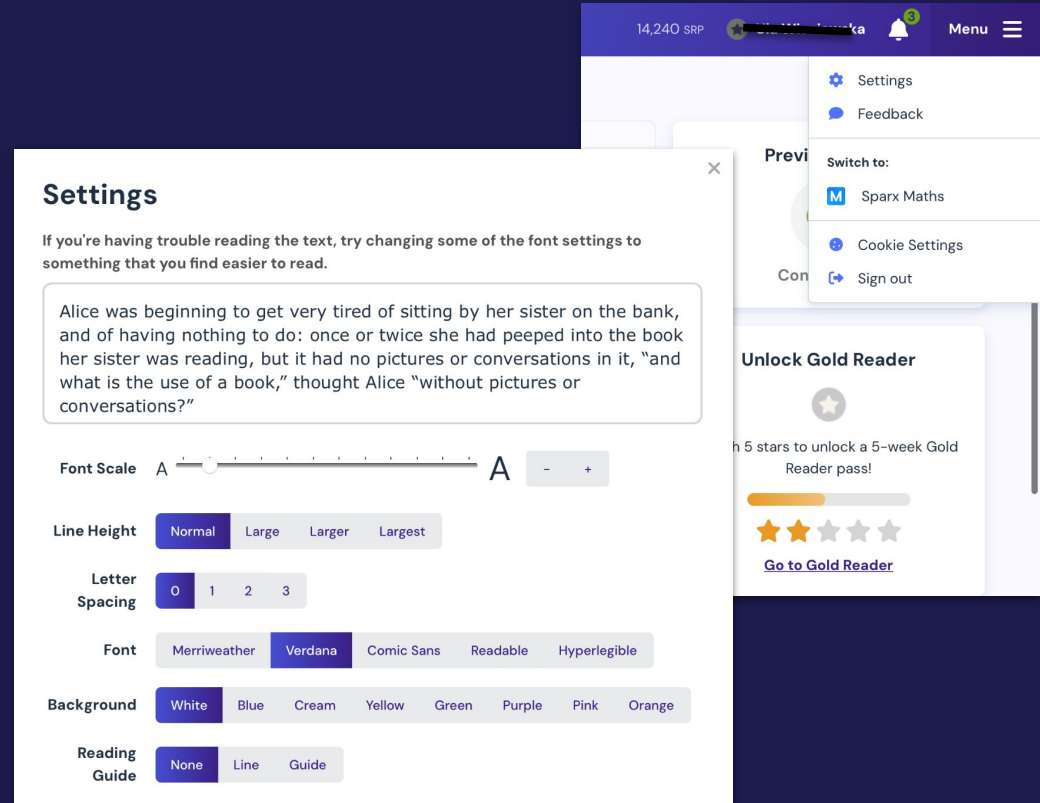
Weekly Updates:

- Parents receive weekly progress updates via email

Settings - Font Size, Colours, etc

When in the settings menu. You can do the following:

- Change font size
- Change line height
- Change line spacing
- Change font style
- Change background colour
- Set a reading guide



The image shows a mobile application interface. At the top, a navigation bar displays '14,240 SRP', a user profile, a notification bell with '3' alerts, and a 'Menu' button. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Settings' (gear icon), 'Feedback' (speech bubble icon), 'Switch to: Sparx Maths' (with a blue 'M' icon), 'Cookie Settings' (cookie icon), and 'Sign out' (logout icon). Below this, a 'Unlock Gold Reader' section shows a star icon, a progress bar, and a link 'Go to Gold Reader'. In the foreground, a 'Settings' modal is open. It has a title 'Settings' and a tip: 'If you're having trouble reading the text, try changing some of the font settings to something that you find easier to read.' Below the tip is a sample text box: 'Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, "and what is the use of a book," thought Alice "without pictures or conversations?"'. The settings are organized into sections: 'Font Scale' with a slider between 'A' and 'A' and minus/plus buttons; 'Line Height' with buttons for 'Normal', 'Large', 'Larger', and 'Largest'; 'Letter Spacing' with buttons for '0', '1', '2', and '3'; 'Font' with buttons for 'Merriweather', 'Verdana' (selected), 'Comic Sans', 'Readable', and 'Hyperlegible'; 'Background' with buttons for 'White' (selected), 'Blue', 'Cream', 'Yellow', 'Green', 'Purple', 'Pink', and 'Orange'; and 'Reading Guide' with buttons for 'None' (selected), 'Line', and 'Guide'.

Parents - How to Support Your Child

- Encourage daily reading – 10-15 minutes builds habit and comprehension.
- Discuss books together – ask questions about the story and characters.
- Celebrate progress – praise quiz scores and completed books.
- Create a quiet reading space – a comfortable, distraction-free environment helps focus.
- Connect books to interests – choose books that match their passions.
- Reach out to the teacher – they can offer extra support if needed.

Link to [Sparks Reader Parent Guide](#)

FAQs

"How much time should my child spend on Sparx Reader?"

- Recommended 20-30 minutes per week.

"Can I read the books with my child?"

- Yes! Shared reading is encouraged, but quizzes should be done independently.

"Why is my child reading the same book twice?"

- Sparx Reader sometimes repeats books to reinforce understanding.

"Can students choose their own books?"

- Yes, through the Library tab, books are matched to their reading level.