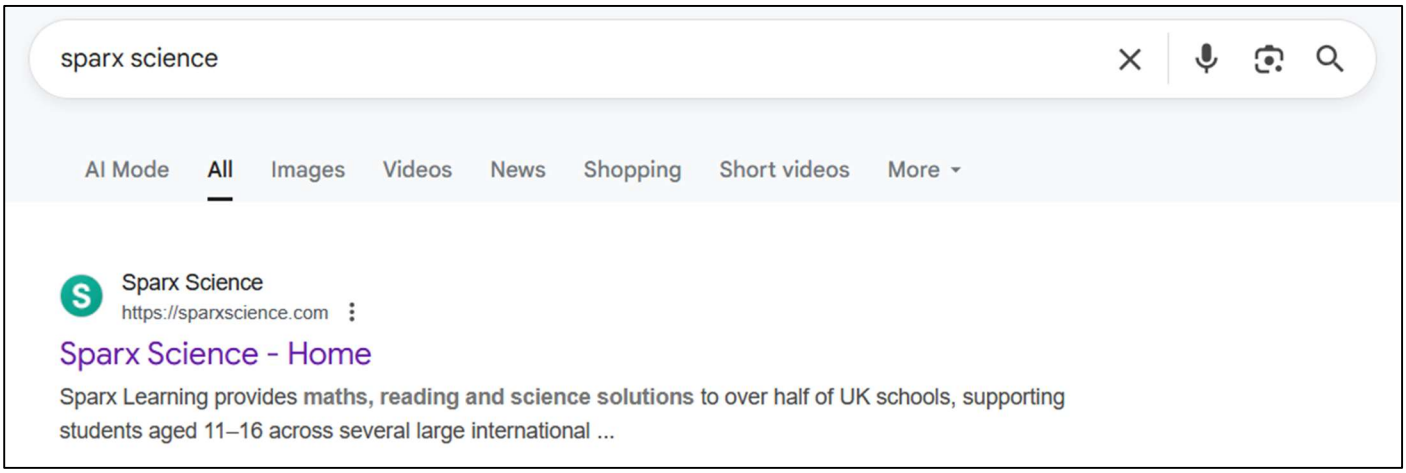
How to Use Sparx Science – A Beginner's Guide

These instructions are written for using Sparx Science on a computer.

Some buttons may be in a different location on the screen if you are using a phone.

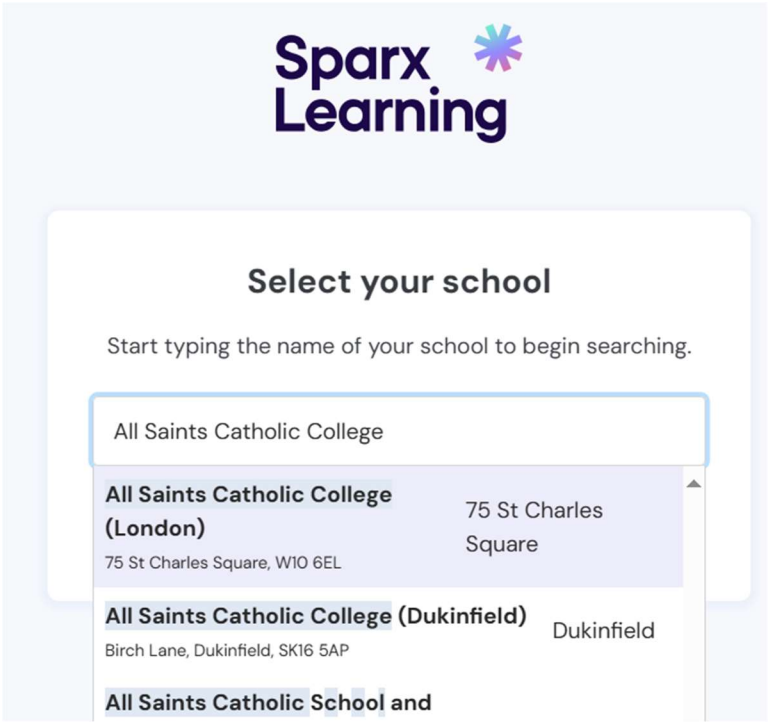
Step 1 Search for 'Sparx Science' in your web browser.

Click the link that says 'https://sparxscience.com'. This will be the first search result.

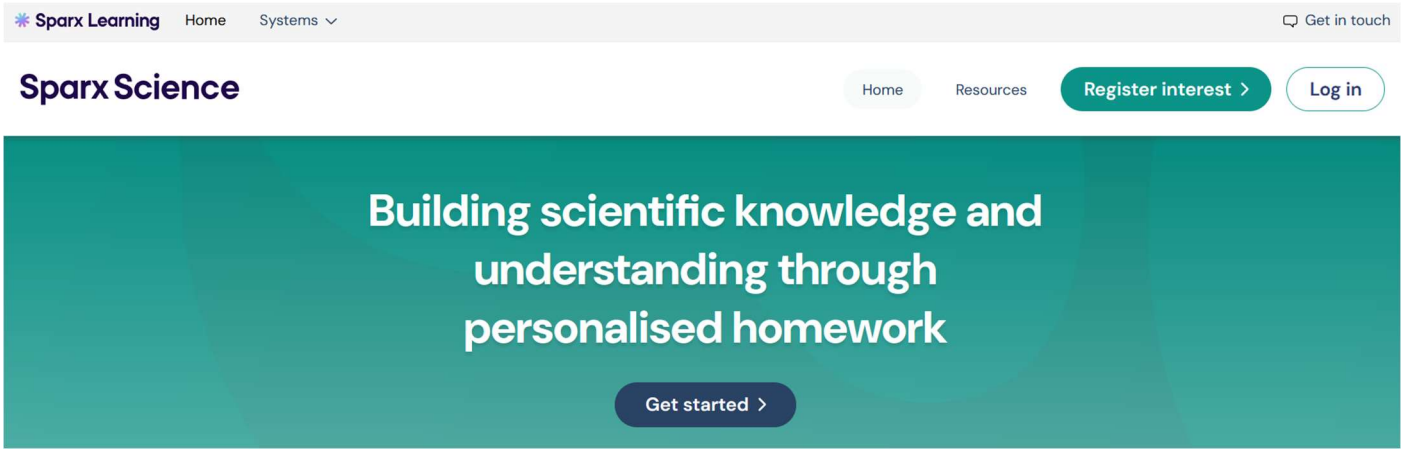


Step 2 You will need to select 'All Saints Catholic College (Dukinfield)' as your school.

You will not have to keep doing this if you allow cookies.



Step 3 Click the ‘Log in’ button at the top right of the screen.

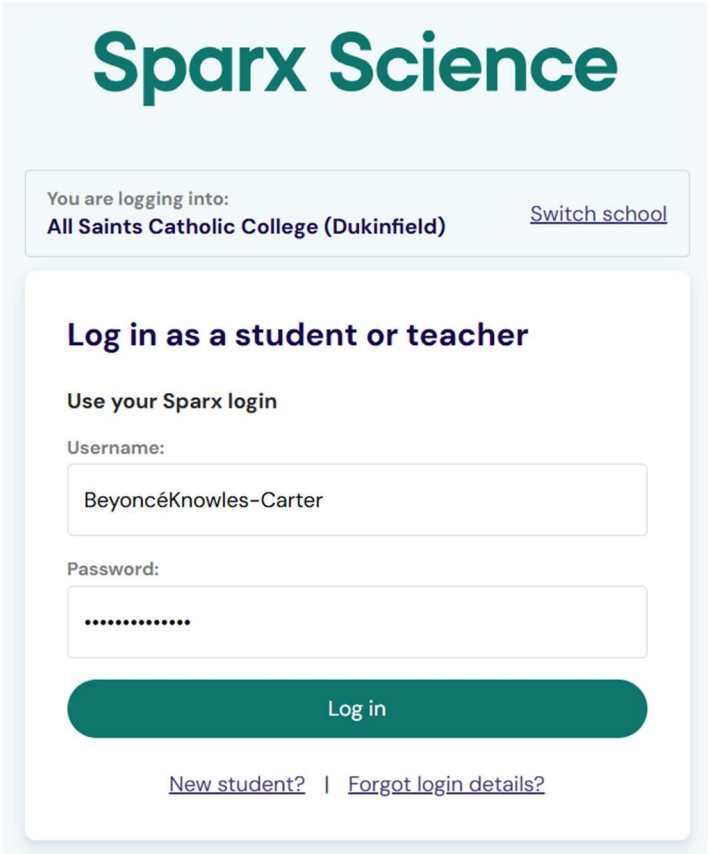


Step 4 Use your username and password to log in.

Your username is your first name and surname without a space between them. Include any hyphens (-) in your name. For example, if Beyoncé attended our school, her username would be ‘BeyoncéKnowles-Carter’.

If you have not used Sparx Science or Sparx Reader before, click the ‘New student?’ option instead of logging in.

If you do not remember your password, click the ‘Forgot login details?’ option and follow the instructions. **You’ll eventually reach a step that says you need to wait for your teacher to reset your password. When you get told this, go speak to them as soon as possible or they might not know they need to reset your password for you.**

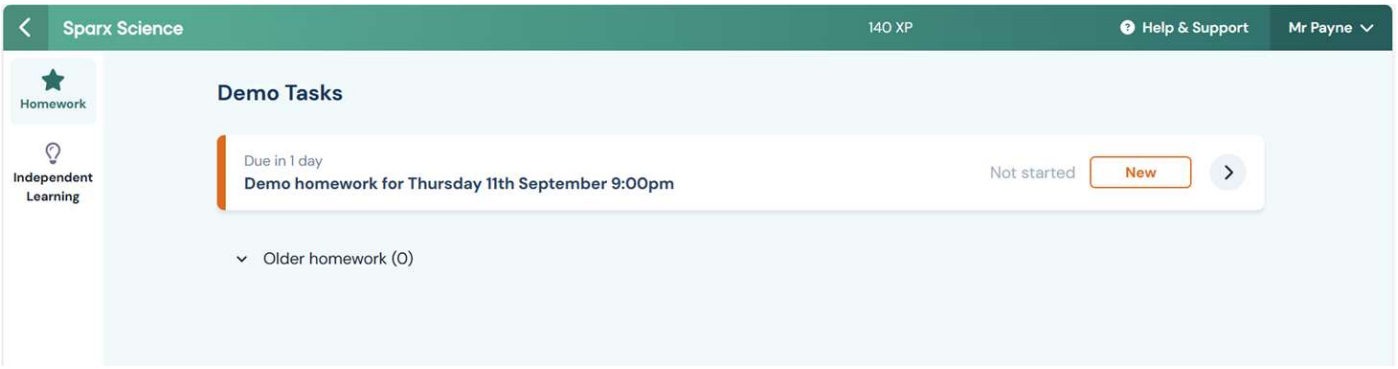


Step 5 The Sparx Science home page will show you homework that has been set by your teacher and the due date.

You can also choose the independent learning option on the left of the page to complete revision tasks.

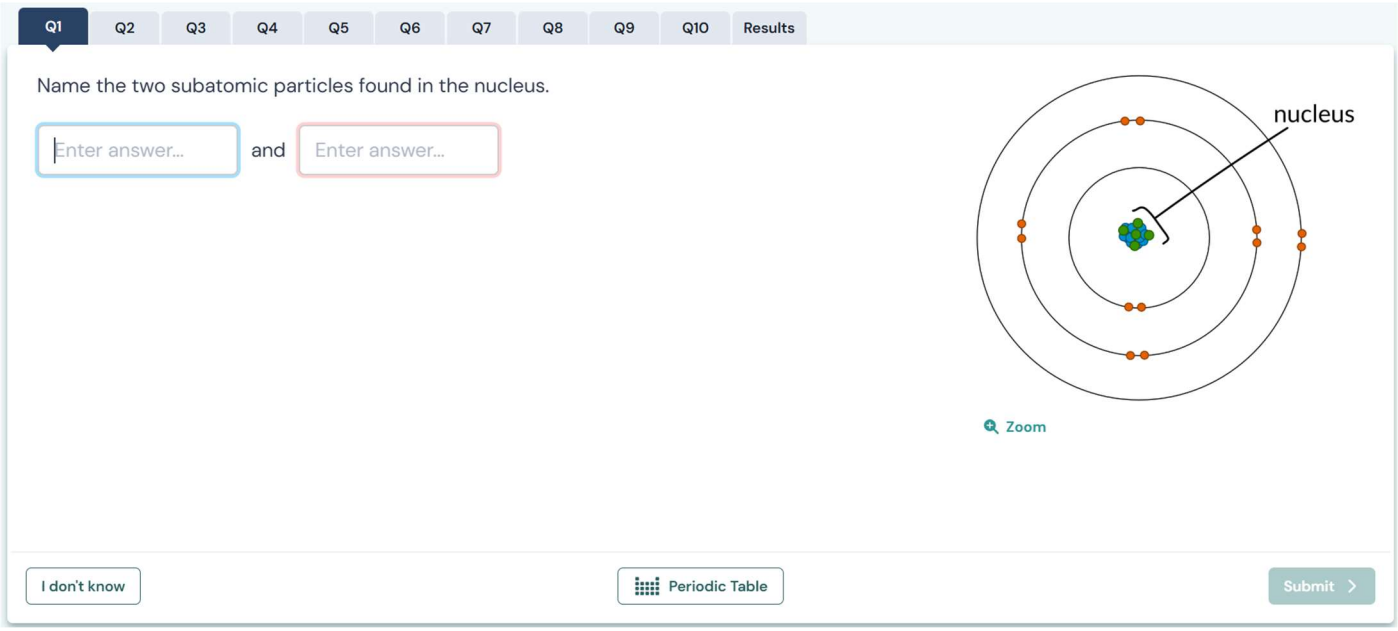
Completing homework and Independent learning will earn you XP. There are a range of prizes on offer linked to how much XP you earn each half-term.

You can see your current XP at the top of the screen.



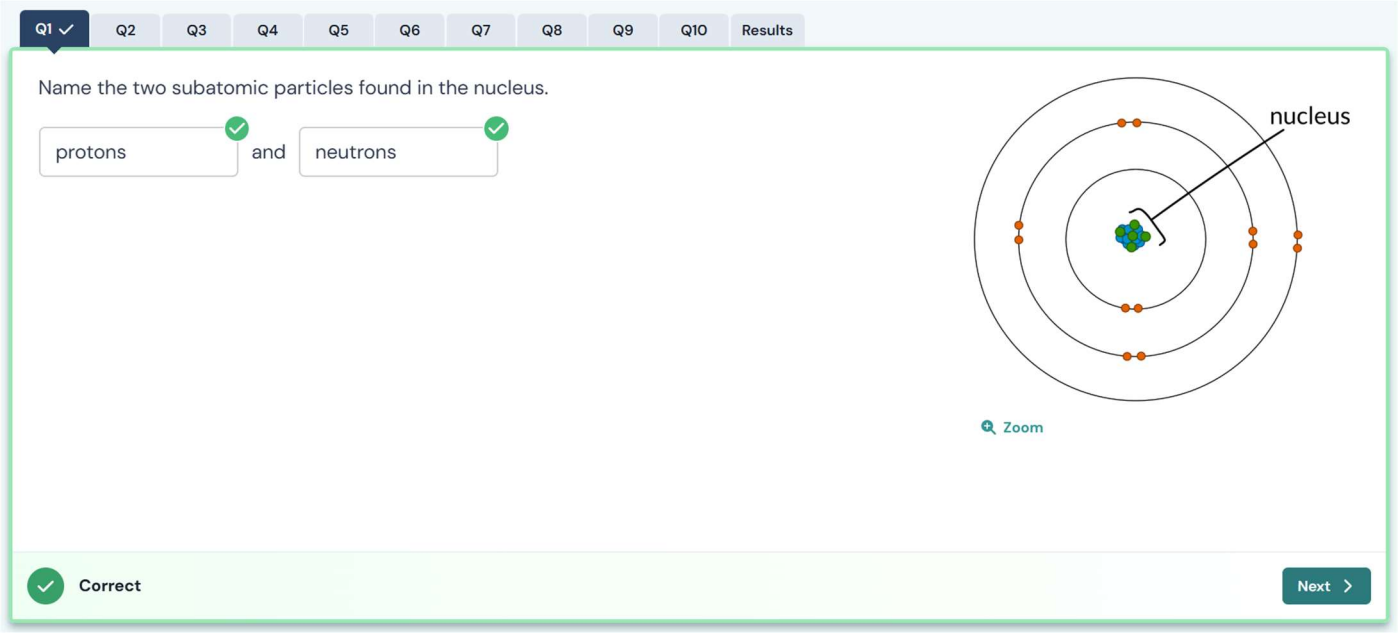
Step 6 Complete the task by typing into the boxes.

Some questions will be answered in other ways that you should be familiar with. You may need to connect two things together or select a correct answer from a list of options.



Once you click submit, you will see if you are correct.

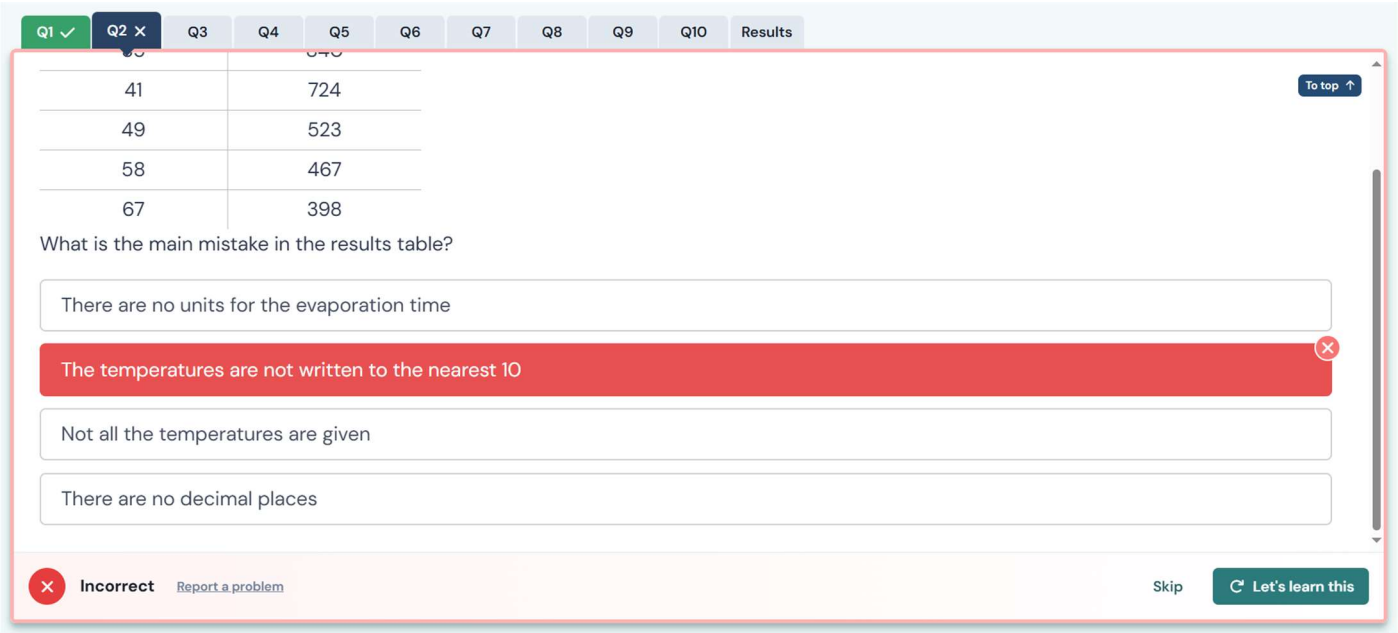
If you are correct, you can move onto the next question by clicking ‘Next’ in the bottom right corner of the screen.



If you select or enter the wrong answer a few times, the ‘Submit’ button will change to a ‘Lets learn this’.

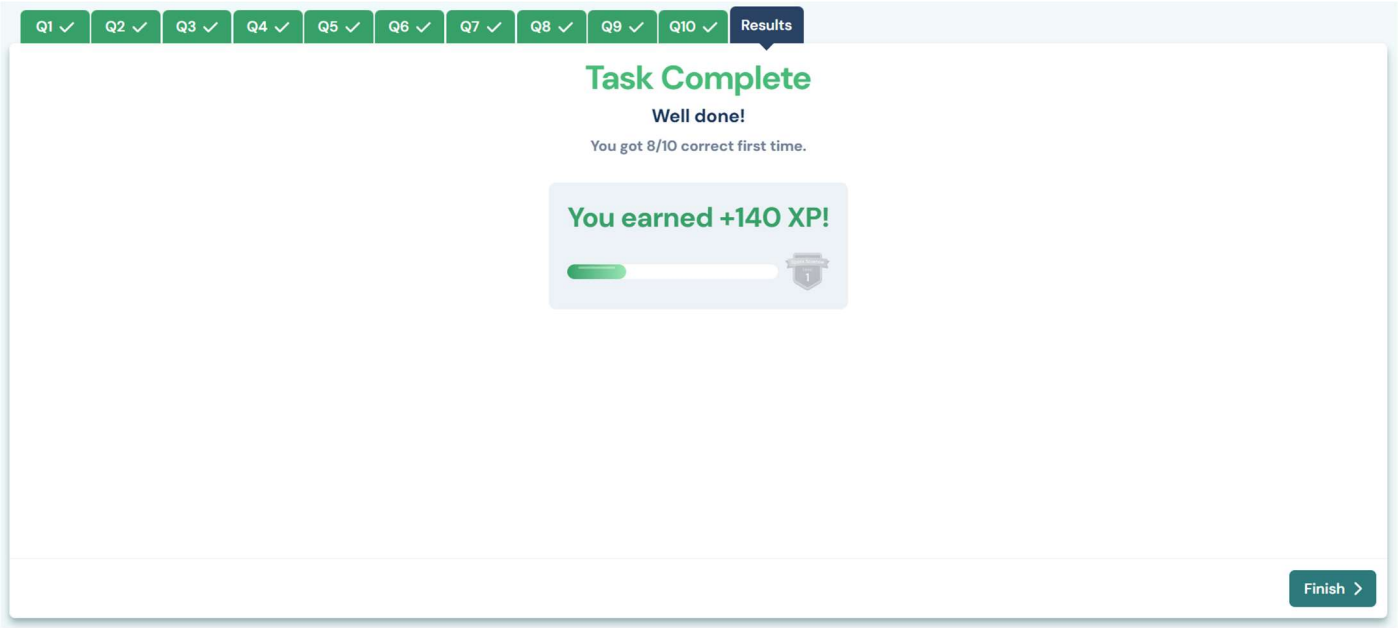
Click this to be taught how to answer the question correctly.

Only click the ‘Skip’ button if you want to ask for help with this question after finishing the rest of the quiz. **Your homework is only complete when you have eventually answered 100% of the questions correctly – skipped questions don’t count**.



Step 6 When you finish the quiz and have got all the answers correct, you can finish the quiz and celebrate the XP you earned.

Remember that your homework is only complete when you have eventually answered 100% of the questions correctly.



Step 7 This step is optional. You can click the 'Independent learning' button on the left of the screen to find a range of useful revision quizzes. You'll get extra XP for completing these.

Once you click on 'Independent learning', you can:

1. let Sparx Science choose questions to practice by clicking 'Start new'.
2. use the 'Search topics' box to find a specific topic if you have one in mind.
3. click on 'Biology', 'Chemistry', 'Physics' or 'Skills' to see big topics to practice.
4. click on one of these bigger topics to see smaller topics to practise.