

PURPLE MASH PARENT NEWSLETTER

You may be a parent who is new to Purple Mash or a parent who helped their child with their home learning with Purple Mash during lockdown. The aim of these parent newsletters is to provide you with updates on Purple Mash and how to best support your child. If you have any questions or queries please get in touch community@2simple.com.

MAKING THE MOST OF PURPLE MASH

Parent Portal: Parent Portal allows you to easily see the learning your child has been doing on Purple Mash, including any comments on work from teachers, homework (2Dos), rewards and so much more. You will never miss out on being informed of your child's learning as Parent Portal sends all registered users a weekly digest email. You can start using Parent Portal today by following the 3 simple steps below.

Step 1: Enter URL on your child's login card.

Step 2: Click 'Register as a parent'.

Step 3: Enter the 'Parent Code' on your child's login card and follow additional instructions.

Parent Blog: This blog is within Purple Mash and has been created by the Professional Development Team to provide top tips, advice and ideas for using Purple Mash with your children at home. This is created within 2Blog, our own blogging app, so your children can create their own blog too!

<u>Video help:</u> There are also several short video guides on our 2Simple Youtube channel that offer guidance and support with home learning.

Parent Guides: We have created a range of guides to support parents with using Purple Mash at home, they cover the following topics:

- Parent Portal
- Managing Work
- Sharing Work
- 2Email
- 2Dos







We have created new online reading journals for children to record any reading that they have engaged with. They can be used by individual children to make a note of their reading or they may be set by the teachers to enable communication about reading between home and school.

Access the journal and guides here



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GAMES ON PURPLE MASH

There are a wide range of games for your child to use to help develop their Maths and English skills.

Monster Multiplication, is an enjoyable and interactive game, designed to help your child practice their multiplication tables in a fun way! They can watch their own monster egg evolve into a mature monster by unlocking various achievements. The more fruit the monster eats from the achievements, the faster they grow!



Sequence snake lets your child apply knowledge of number facts and sharpen their mental arithmetic in a challenging yet fun game. They must strategically feed Sequence Snake by guiding him to the next correct number. With every correct number eaten, sequence snake grows by that amount.

Fractonio's Pizzeria helps your child develop their knowledge of fractions through a fun and contextualised approach. Pupils are presented with pictorial and abstract relationships throughout each task and encouraged to succeed in order to unlock extra pizza toppings.

We have a range of grammar games that your child can use depending on their age range:



Each category has a selection of games that help them improve their grammatical knowledge. Perfect for your child to develop and practice their skills.

You can find all our educational games to support learning in both Maths and English here.

PARENTING IN A DIGITAL WORLD

The digital world is vast, exciting and forever evolving at such a pace that parents often find it hard to keep up. Our children have never known life before the online world and are getting more and more tech savvy at an earlier age. This causes many of us anxiety because we are not experts, we have not grown up in the age of online technology and we have not had childhood experience to draw upon when providing guidance for our own children.





However, the digital world doesn't have to be considered a place of worry for parents; in fact, it can be embraced as a tool for building a better future for us all. We have put together this informative guide to help support you in enabling your child to grow into a responsible digital citizen who is able to keep themselves safe while, at the same time, getting the very best from the digital world.

In this guide, you will find tips and advice for each of the key areas of online safety for primary-aged children. Each of these areas is further broken down into tips for parents of children aged 5 to 7 and for those of children aged 7 to 11. Download your copy here.