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Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to let you know about some educational websites and apps that we use in school that you can also use with your child at home.

Purple Mash

What is Purple Mash?

Our school subscribes to Purple Mash. Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed for children aged 3 to 11 to use in the classroom and at home. Purple Mash supports learning through its resources, games and creative tools which are aligned with the National Curriculum. It covers everything from core subjects such as maths, reading, writing and phonics to all other subjects taught in school. This year we are also using Purple Mash to teach our computing curriculum.



What is Mini Mash?

Mini Mash is a platform designed for younger learners in Year R (aged 3-5). Mini Mash is set out like an early years setting, mirroring the areas of learning which your child may be familiar with in Year R. All these different areas are linked to the key areas of learning and development in Early Years. Please see the separate 'Mini Mash Parent Guide' for more information.

How you can support your child at home

To begin with, it's a good idea to log in to Purple Mash (or Mini Mash) with your child's login card or sticker that they have brought home and familiarise yourself with the menu icons and key areas of the site. To access the website, go to www.purplemash.com then click on 'Find my school's login page', type

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in (or scroll down to) **Hatch Warren Infant School**, click '**Go To School Portal**', then type in your child's **username** and **password**.

Your child should be able to talk you through what they have done so far in school and can show you their work that they have saved in their personal work folder, as well as the work that they have saved in their class folder. You can also explore the parents' area on the 2Simple website which explains the powerful learning benefits of Purple Mash beyond the classroom. This can be accessed via the following link: <https://2simple.com/parents>

Teachers have the ability to set tasks for children to complete in the 2Do section. However, these are tasks to complete in school and are not set as homework tasks.

Teach Your Monster To Read

Teach Your Monster to Read is an award-winning series of games that can help children learn to read and improve their reading. Children can play for free on the website (www.teachyourmonstertoread.com) or can download the app. There is sometimes a charge for downloading the app, but from time to time they have a download for free offer. The game can be played on a laptop, computer, iPad, Android or Kindle.



The game takes children on a magical journey, meeting colourful characters along the way and collecting fantastic rewards. As they progress, they rehearse a range of essential reading skills; matching letters to sounds, blending, segmenting, reading tricky words and reading full sentences.

The children have access to this app in school and have their own personal login details. These login details will be sent home shortly (stuck onto your child's reading record diary) so that they can continue their adventure at home if they would like to. Each time your child logs in to the game using their individual username and password, they can continue the game from where they left off.

We hope your child will enjoy using these websites/apps at home. If you have any questions, please let your child's class teacher know.

Kind regards,
Miss Finn
Computing Subject Leader

