

# ONLINE HOME LEARNING



**St Saviour's**  
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**ST MARY'S**  
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**MyMaths.co.uk**

**Bug Club**



**EducationCity**  
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**A GUIDE FOR PARENTS  
AND CARERS**

# Education City

## 1. How does my child get on to Education City to see their homework?

- Go to [www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com) and enter your username, password and country (these should be on the inside cover of their yellow reading record).
- On the left, click 'HOMEWORK'



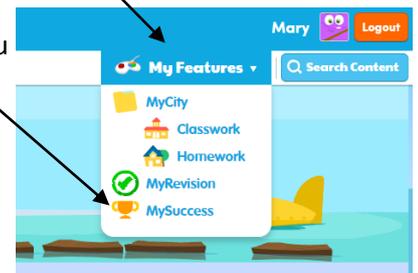
## 2. How do I know when the homework is due or if my child has completed it?

- A clock icon will appear at the top of the homework telling you when it needs to be completed by. Once the work has been completed, this will turn to a black and white chequered flag.

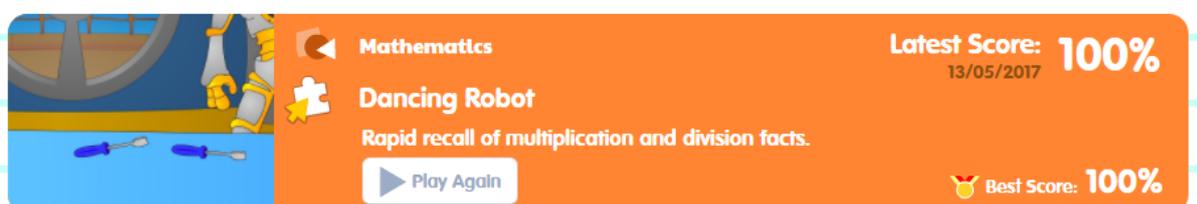


## 3. How do I know how well my child has done and keep an eye on their progress?

- As your child completes the homework a score will appear on the screen straight away. If you want to look at their results at a later point, go to MY FEATURES in the top right hand corner of the screen and choose MY SUCCESS. Click on HOMEWORK and choose the piece of homework you would like to see results for.

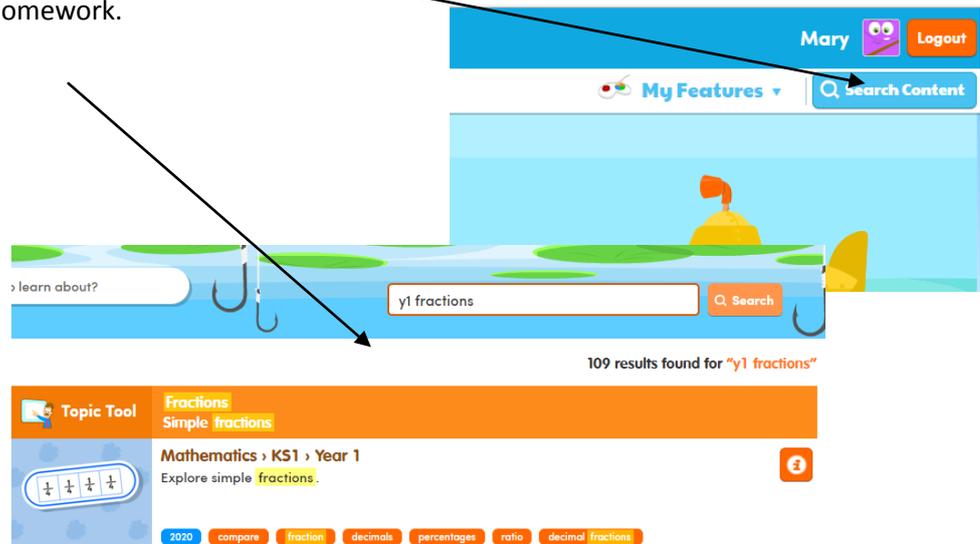


Here you can see how well they have done, and choose to repeat the activity if the score is lower than you wish.



#### 4. What if my child doesn't do so well on a piece of homework?

- Your child's teacher will notice when they log on to Education City and can address any misconceptions in their teaching that week.
- Everyone is different – some parents feel their child does too much at home whereas others want to provide more coverage of areas which their child has specifically found difficult. If you notice that a particular piece of homework has been a challenge and want to do more on this, simply search for that area (e.g. capital letters, fractions etc) in the top right hand corner of the screen to bring up extra homework.



- If the score is less than 100% on a test, Education City will automatically generate a revision pack. This can be found by going to MY FEATURES in the top right hand corner and selecting MY REVISION.



#### 5. What type of homework will my child get on Education City? Will it always be games?

- There are 4 main types of activity on Education City which your child will be set a range of. These may look similar but are actually very different.

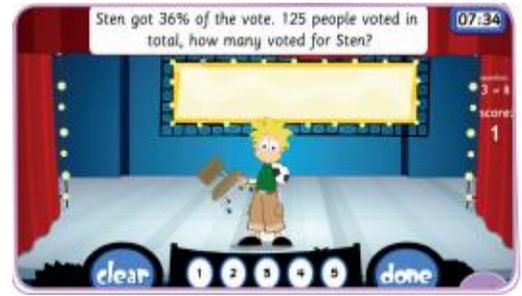
##### Learn Screens

Learn Screens are a lesson or video tutorial which re-teach a concept. Your child may be set one of these to watch as it will remind them of how to do something ahead of the activity. It is almost like sitting in class again and listening to the teacher explain or demonstrate.



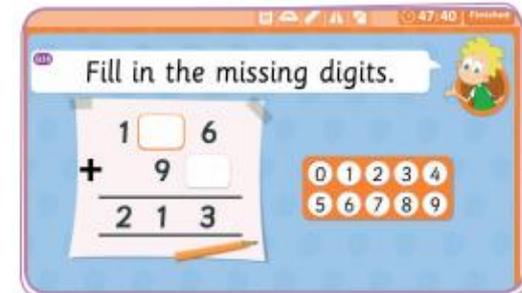
### Activity

These are most like a worksheet. They will ask your child questions about a topic and provide a way (e.g. clicking on the right answer or typing a response) for your child to indicate that they understand. Their responses are marked by Education City and reviewed by their teacher.



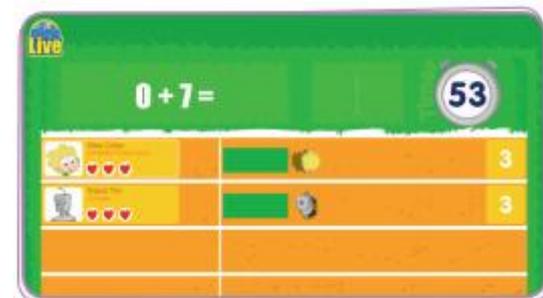
### Tests

These tests review learning just like a paper test or examination paper would. There will be a set amount of time just as in a real test.



### Games e.g. Play Live

These games help children to practice key skills e.g. times tables. They provide a safe space for pupils to compete against each other and will often be set as a fun 'extra' or reward for completing homework.



#### **6. Can my child access their homework on a phone or tablet or does it need to be a computer?**

You can access Education City on mobile devices but you may need a flash browser which might not be built into the device already. To do this, go to the app store and search for a free app called 'Puffin Academy'. When it appears in your search results, download it. Then open the app on your tablet and search for Education City. Press INSTALL and OK.

#### **7. Won't it be hard for children to complete their homework online without a pen and paper? A computer can't replace the processes we use pens and paper for.**

Absolutely! We completely advocate using a pen and paper for the homework! Having the homework online provides a way for us to display the work and the children to write their final answer but a notepad next to the computer is still important (just in the same way that you would work out answers first before writing the final answer in an answer box on a paper worksheet).

#### **8. Computers are not always reliable. What should I do if we are having problems?**

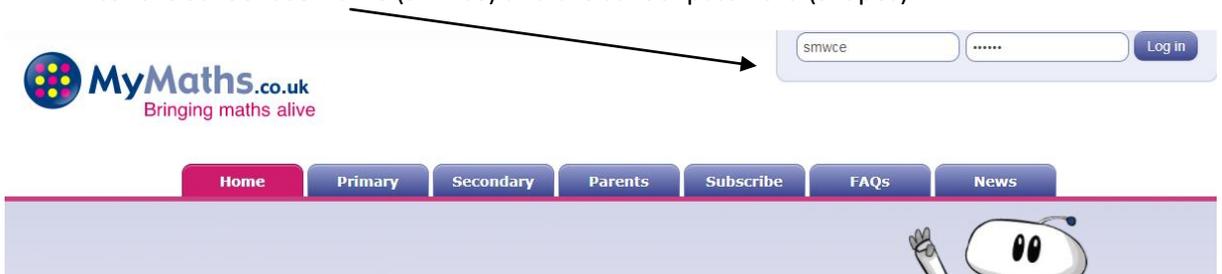
- You can always speak to your child's teacher.
- As part of our subscription to Education City, you have full access to their Customer Service Team who are really friendly and helpful. Their phone number is 01572725080 and they should be able to trouble shoot any issues you are having.

- We provide lunchtime and after school clubs for computer access, just let your child's teacher know if you want them to complete their homework using the school's computers and internet access.

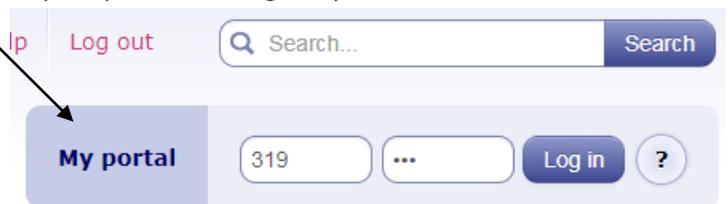
# My Maths

## 9. How does my child get on to My Maths to see their homework?

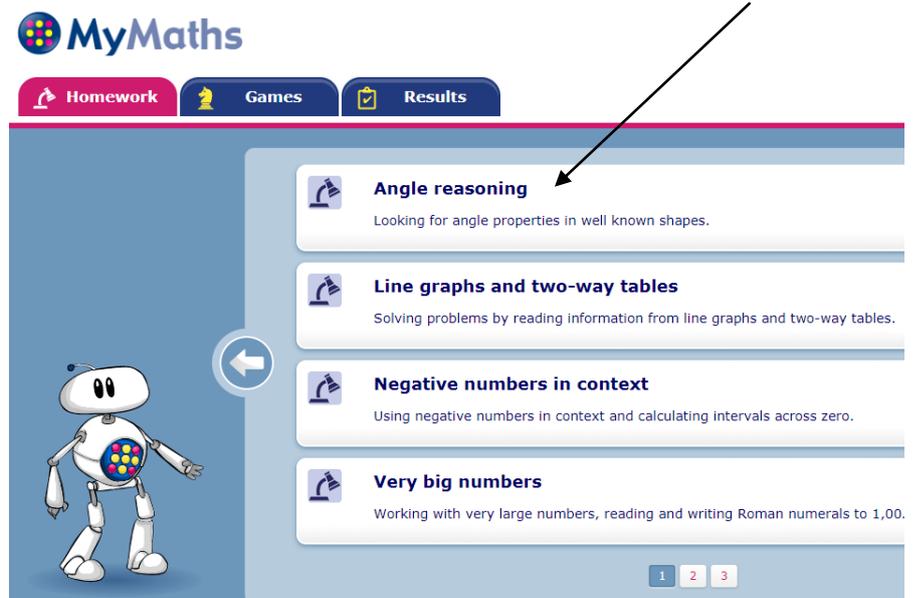
- Go to [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)
- Enter the school username (smwce) and the school password (shapes)



- Log in to your own portal using your own username and password which your teacher has stuck on the inside of your yellow reading diary.



- Once logged in, your homework will appear. Click on the most recent homework to begin.



## 10. How will I know when a piece of My Maths homework is due in?

- In the bottom right hand corner of the homework screen, you will see when the homework was set and when it is due.

The screenshot shows the MyMaths homework interface. On the left, there is a 'Start homework' button. On the right, there is a 'Need practice?' button. At the bottom, the level is Y7, the subject is Geometry > Properties of shapes > Angle reasoning, the date set is 08 Dec 16, and the date due is 12 Dec 16.

## 11. How do I know how well my child has done and keep an eye on their progress?

- Click on RESULTS and choose COMPLETED TASKS

The screenshot shows the MyMaths Results page. The 'Results' tab is selected, and the 'Completed Tasks' section is visible. A list of tasks is shown with their completion percentages and a color-coded star icon. A robot character is visible on the left side of the page.

Task	Percentage
Number facts and doubles 1	100%
Rectangles and irregular polygons	73%
Measuring angles	81%
Time calculations	60%

You will be able to see the percentage of correct answers.

You will see a colour coded star. Scoring 70-100% will generate a green star indicating you have done really well. Scoring 40-69% will generate a yellow star indicating that this might need a bit more practice still. Scoring less than 40% will generate a red star which indicates that the child has found this really hard.

Clicking on the smiley face icon lets you see the results in more detail so that you can see how you scored on each question.

## 12. What if my child doesn't do so well on a piece of homework?

- Once you have clicked on the smiley face icon, you can choose to try the homework again if you are unhappy with your score. Each time you repeat the homework, the computer will automatically change the numbers in the questions so that you can't just remember the corrections! If you are really struggling, click NEED PRACTICE? TRY THE LESSON. This will go over the concept again and re-teach it in a slightly different way. It's like asking a teacher to explain something again.

The screenshot shows a homework page titled "Rectangles and irregular polygons" with a green star icon and a score of 73%. Below the title is a description: "Using the properties of rectangles to find missing lengths and angles, identifying regular and irregular polygons." To the right is a "Rate it" button. On the left, a progress bar shows: Q1 (4/5, 80%, green smiley), Q2 (4/6, 67%, yellow neutral), and Total (8/11, 73%, green smiley). On the right, a preview of the homework questions is shown, including a pink rectangle (5cm by 11cm) and a yellow rectangle (5cm by 7cm). Below the preview are buttons for "Try homework again?" and "Need practice? Try the lesson". At the bottom, it says "Level Y4" and "Tried: 1 time".

If you try the homework again, only the best score will be reported to your teacher so you don't have to worry. Your teacher will see the number of tries you had. This helps us to know whether you found something difficult or not.

You can also click on RATE IT so that your teacher knows whether you found it easy or would like more help. If you tell us that you didn't understand, we'll help you out once you are back in school.

## Rate - Rectangles and irregular polygons

Choose a smiley to show how hard or easy it was.



This task was easy. I got full marks and had no problems.



The task was OK. I made a couple of silly mistakes but I know what I'm doing.



I thought I understood this topic and had done well but my score is not very good and I don't know why.



This task was quite hard. I need to learn a little more about the topic to feel confident.

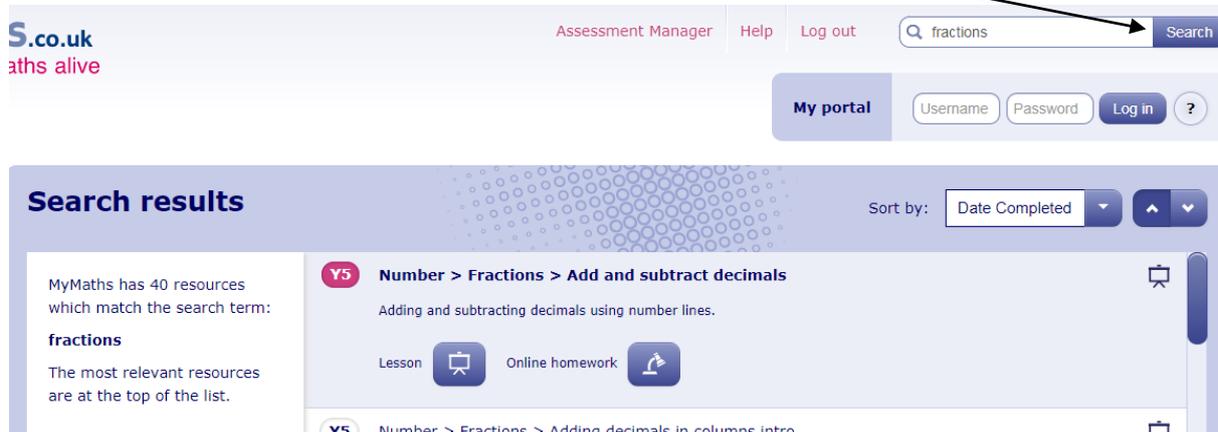


I found this task hard and had some help to get it completed and to get the score I did.



This task was too hard for me. I didn't understand what I had to do.

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### 13. What type of homework will my child get on My Maths?

Most often one piece of homework will comprise of two bits. There will be a lesson which you can watch. This will remind you of the lesson at school, it will show you a method that we suggest you use for working out the answers and how to do it. You will also have a task with different questions (a bit like a worksheet).

### 14. Won't it be hard for children to complete their homework online without a pen and paper? A computer can't replace the processes we use pens and paper for.

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### 15. Computers are not always reliable. What should I do if we are having problems?

- Speak to your child's teacher
- Click HELP at the top of your screen. This is really useful!
- The main issue we come across is Flash. My Maths are aware that this causes problems and have started to make their lessons and homework not need Flash anymore but some of it still does. If you notice that your browser is blocking flash, you simply need to click ACTIVATE ADOBE FLASH. Click ALLOW AND REMEMBER so that you don't have the problem again.

- We provide lunchtime and after school clubs for computer access, just let your child's teacher know if you want them to complete their homework using the school's computers and internet access.

# Bug Club

## 1. How does my child get on to Bug Club to see their homework?

- Go to [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)
- Enter the child's username (this will be the first 4 letters of their first name and the first 4 letters of their last name e.g. Winston Churchill would be winschur). Enter their password (this will be reading2017) and the school code (7kpg)
- Once logged in you will be able to see your homepage. Click on MY STUFF to find the books your teacher has set for you. All of the books that you can see will be ones which your child's teacher has assessed as being at an instructional level to provide a challenge but not be impossible. Often, teachers set more than one book for a child at a time so that your child can choose (this doesn't mean that they have to read them all!).



- Click on a book's cover to open the book

- As you read, you will see bug icons. Click on these to access comprehension questions about the text.
- You can come back to the text or back to questions at any time so they don't all need to be done in one sitting.

always writing stories. She also made up funny poems for special occasions, like the arrival of the new kitten or the time they all caught the mumps.

Their father was just perfect: never cross and wonderful at mending things when no one else could.

The children had everything they needed to be happy: good clothes, a nursery full of toys, a cheerful nursemaid. They were happy, but they didn't know how happy until their old life at the Red House was over forever.

The change came suddenly and without any warning.

The family were having supper when Ruth, their maid, came in looking flustered.

"Two gentlemen have come to see you, Sir," she said to Father. "I've shown them into the library."

"They probably want money for the church funds," said Mother with a sigh. "Do get rid of them quickly. It's almost the children's bedtime."

But for some reason the two gentlemen



- The books which are set to children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are also audio books so that (if you wish) the children can enjoy also listening to an expressive reading of the story.
- The phonics books which are set for early readers will begin with some advice for parents to assist you with helping them with the book.

