

Introduction to Sumdog



At school, we're using an engaging learning program called Sumdog. It uses games to encourage children to practise, and automatically adapts to your child's needs.

Below is some key information about what Sumdog is, how it works, and how you can help your child get the most out of using it.

What is Sumdog?	Sumdog is an online learning service that adapts to each individual child, using engaging games to motivate and build confidence. Sumdog provides fun practice in numeracy and literacy for children aged 5-14, and literacy for children aged 5-11.
How can pupils access Sumdog?	Sumdog can be accessed on a variety of devices: • Desktop computers and laptops • Tablets • Smartphones Access online via www.sumdog.com, or download the free Sumdog app from the Apple or Play store.
Why use Sumdog?	Sumdog's mission is to help every pupil reach their full potential by making learning fun. Sumdog recommends your child spends at least 30 minutes each week on Sumdog, which can be broken up into smaller chunks of time. The little and often approach gives them regular and consistent practice. When a child uses Sumdog for 30 minutes or more in a week, they will be rewarded with 100 bonus Sumdog coins on screen.
What can pupils do?	When pupils first use Sumdog, the service will assess the level at which each child should be working, so they get personalised questions. After they complete this diagnostic test, they will work through the curriculum at their own level and speed. When playing Sumdog games, pupils have the choice of playing against the Sumdog robot, their friends, or other pupils from around the world. Don't worry, they can't communicate with them, they are just competing against them. Sumdog asks each child personalised questions and rewards them for correct answers, so they can win against children of higher ages or abilities!
What can teachers do?	Teachers can use Sumdog in a variety of ways: • Set specific skills for pupils to practice • Assess and track pupils progress • Use as an intervention tool or to extend learning
What can parents do?	Parents can also sign up for a free parent account. With your parent account you will be able to keep track of what your child is learning in school. You can also play the games with them and encourage them along the way! Sign up at www.sumdog.com
Sumdog Contests	Sumdog's contests are free to take part in. They let children compete against other classes - either locally or nationwide. Their scores will count towards their class' score in the contest. The score is a class average. The questions adapt to each pupil's ability - so everyone has a fair chance of winning! All contests last a week and they can play at any time during the contest week - either at home or at school.

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