



Dear Parents,

6th July 2018

We are excited to tell you that we are now using **DoodleMaths**, the premium award-winning Maths package, with your child's class. Your child can access the package with their Digital Wings username and password.

- If your child doesn't know theirs, please ask your class teacher
- If your child is in a Reception class, this is their first individual package. Your teacher will send home their username and password details

Simply follow these steps to make sure your child is ready to make the most of DoodleMaths:

- If you have a tablet (the package is designed for tablets first and foremost),
Download the DoodleMaths and the DoodleMaths Times Tables apps
- If you have a desktop or laptop, access through the link on Digital Wings
- Ask your child to sign in
- Tap on the Grown Ups section and follow the instructions there to link yourself to your child
- Let your child work through their 'X-a-day' exercise **without any help** - encourage them to do it independently and if they're really unsure, guess!
- Login to www.parents.doodlemaths.com with your Grown Ups username and password and click on 'Monitor – Live' so you can see how your child is doing as they complete their exercise
- Download the Parent Connect app - you can see a snapshot of what your children are doing.

Why DoodleMaths?

DoodleMaths has been proven to help children make big improvements in both their ability and confidence in Maths.

- Using for **10 minutes a day** has helped children make 3 month's progress in just 1 month
- Doodle Maths learns what your child's strengths are, and what they need to work on, then builds a programme just for them
- It's easy for you to be involved at home by using the Parent Connect app and the Parent Dashboard to track their progress

Encourage them to use it 'little and often'. It is better to do 2 sets of 'X-a-day' each day of the week rather than 10 sets in one go and then nothing for the rest of the week. Ideally aim for 100 stars (correct answers) over the week. That is roughly 2 sets of 'X-a-day' each day.

From September, use of Doodle will become an integral part of Maths homework, used little and often. Your class teacher will monitor usage and build in areas of weakness into their Maths teaching. There will be an 'Internet Café' set up as a club just for children who don't have internet access at home to use the package.

Coming home with this letter is a summer holiday challenge sheet that can be ticked off and brought back to school in September. We hope this helps in getting into the habit of using the package near-daily. Happy Doodling!

Mr Shields, Mr Richardson and Mrs Tunstall