

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.
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

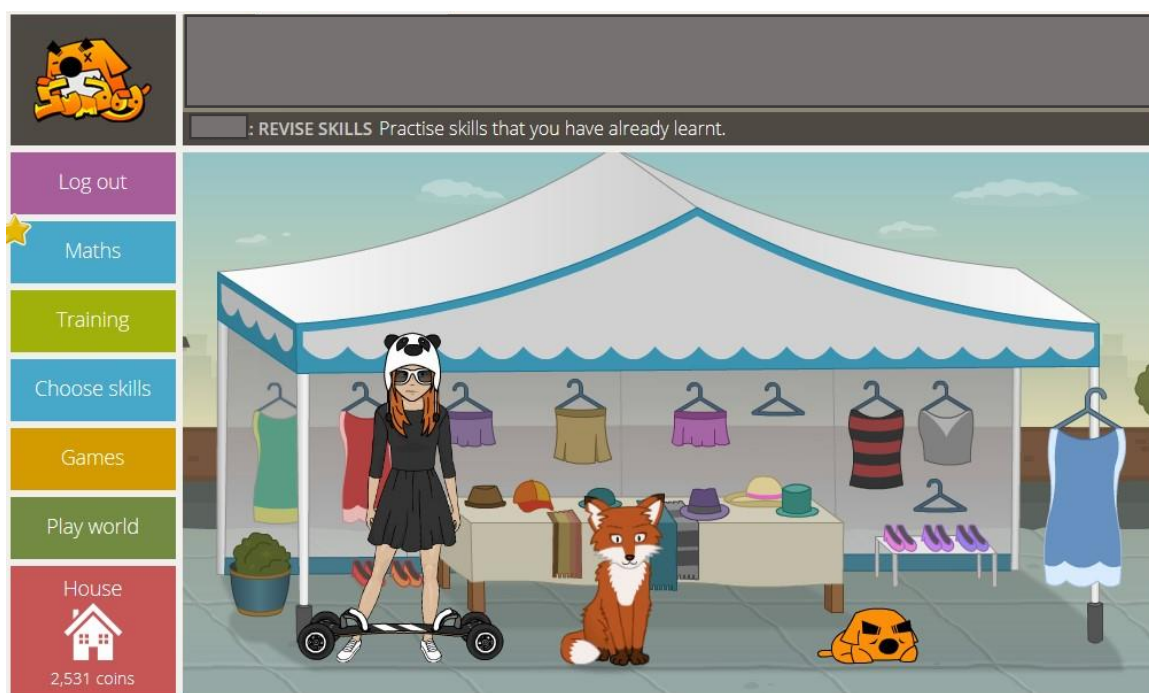
Sumdog Contests

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.

Log in and explore

Each child has been given a unique username and password. This allows them to access their personalised home screen, which includes information about their animal level, earned coins and the Sumdog house. This is where they can scroll through and choose games to play or select which skill to work on.

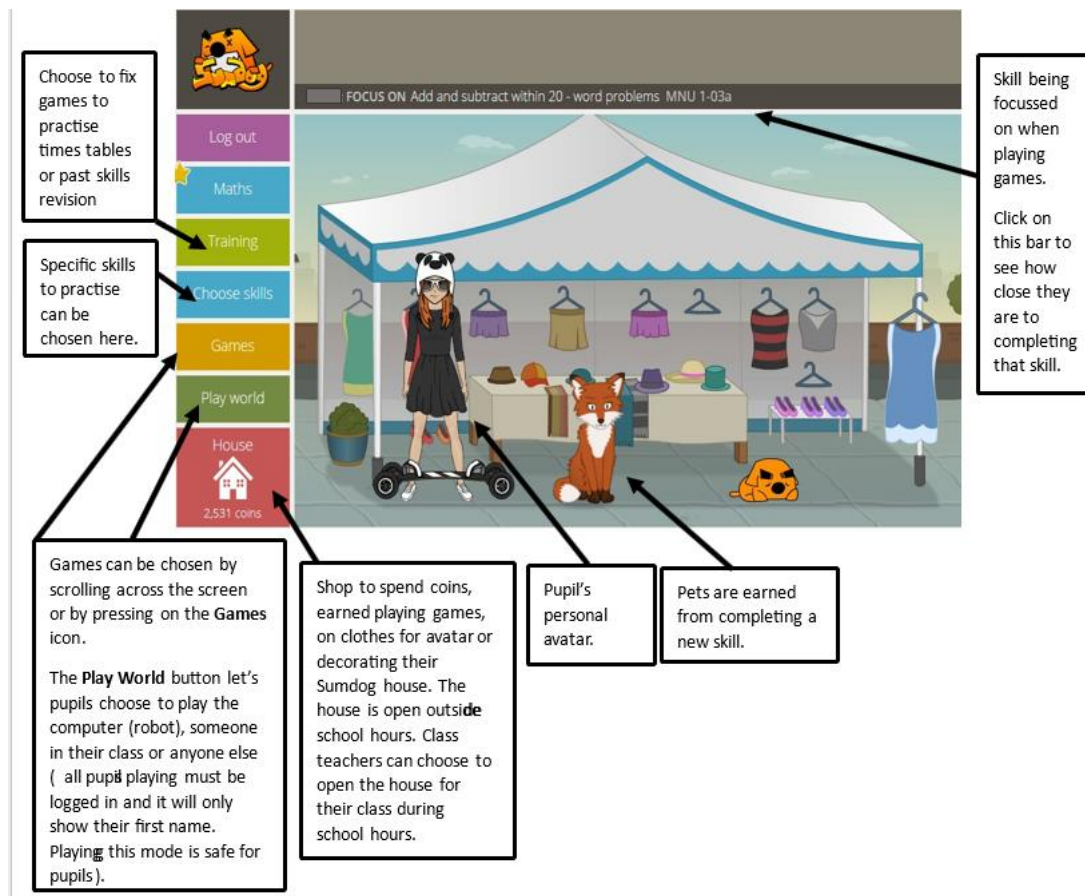


How it works

Sumdog works to ask relevant questions at an appropriate level to each pupil. They will be challenged as well and can increase their level. Incentives are in place for completing skills and achieving targets. Incentives include Sumdog coins, pets and items for the Sumdog house.

If your child is just starting with Sumdog, the first few questions will be part of a diagnostic test. Some questions may be more challenging than others. This allows Sumdog to get a good understanding of your pupil's level so further questions can be tailored to suit them appropriately.

Pupil Experience on Sumdog



Further Information

Should you wish to gain further information, you can do so through the Sumdog Help Centre [Sumdog Help Center](#), you could contact Sumdog directly with specific questions through their contact page [Sumdog Help Center | Create Support Ticket](#) or to find out more about how it is used in school, contact your child's class teacher.

There is no expectation for children to access Sumdog at home. We subscribe to this to enhance our curriculum offer and provide a fun, engaging way to practise taught skills. As a school, we agree with the 30-minute per week time frame as we always promote a balance between on and off screen activities.