



SKOOLBO

The world's smartest learning program

Parent Guide





Welcome to Skoolbo!

Our vision is to help every child learn to read and gain confidence with numbers - these are life's essentials.

The fundamental principles underpinning Skoolbo are:

- Motivate and engage children
- Create optimal learning environments where children learn by doing
- Meet the learning needs of each individual child
- Help teachers and parents help children

Skoolbo contains over 10,000 learning activities in reading, writing, spelling, math, languages, science, music, art, financial literacy and brain games. There are also over 500 levelled early readers and chapter books.

Greatest improvement occurs if children complete the twenty minute Daily Challenges on most days.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@skoolbo.com if we can be of assistance in any way.

Happy Learning!

Shane Hill
Skoolbo founder and former teacher





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Quick Start - Getting going in less than 5 minutes

1. Go to: www.skoolbo.com.au and log in with your username and password.

2. Add a child to your account.



Add child account

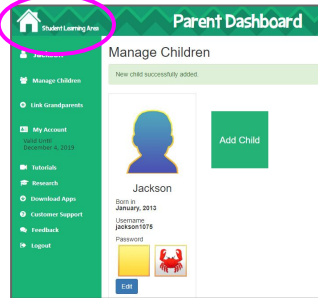
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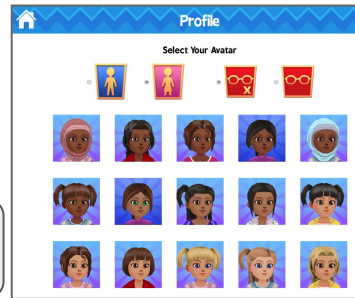
[Link existing child account](#)

If your child already has a school created account you can enter the details here.

3. Go to **Student Learning Area** and now your child is ready to go!



Select a child avatar



Your child will start by completing two pre-tests in both literacy and numeracy. Please don't worry if these are too difficult - the program will adjust quickly.





Skoolbo for Students - Functionality, Methodology and Tips!



PLAY VIDEO

Student Tour (2 mins)



Pre-tests and the Skoolbo Spiral Learning Algorithm

When students first use Skoolbo they will complete pre-tests in reading fluency and numeracy. The pre-tests are designed to be appropriate for ages five and above. There are four pre-tests in total, each taking only one minute. Results from the pre-tests are used to set initial starting levels on Skoolbo.

The Skoolbo Spiral Learning Algorithm continually evaluates everything a child does and works out the optimal learning pathway. The algorithm designs a mixture of diagnostic testing with an optimal blend of new content, not-yet-mastered content, and revision content.

Literacy and numeracy content decisions are made separately, and it's common to see children with skills advanced in one over the other.



Parent Tip!

The parent has the ability in the Parent Dashboard to set tasks and also alter the difficulty level for each child.



The Daily Challenge

Each day children are presented with their personalised learning challenge. It draws from thousands of learning activities to provide just the right mix of new concepts, along with revision.

The Daily Challenge takes around twenty minutes and we recommend they are completed most days.

On completing a Daily Challenge, children are rewarded with a fun Snazzimal or Snazzster character to add to their collection.

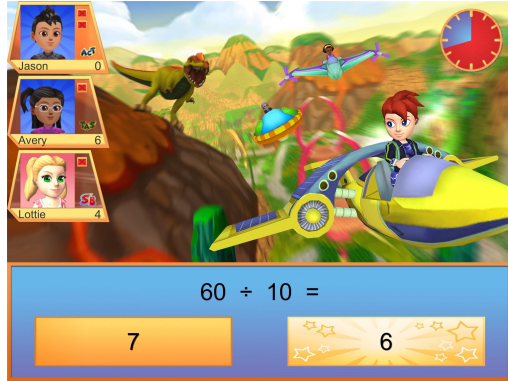
Today's Challenge

- PLAY** Brain Games: 3D Rotation
- PLAY** Literacy: Sentence Construction 2
- PLAY** Lesson: Arithmetic 6
- PLAY** Literacy: Verb Tenses 2
- PLAY** Lesson: Order of Operations
- PLAY** Numeracy: Order of Operations
- PLAY** Zalairos Adventures: Troubles in the Amazon



Parent Tip!

For younger children we recommend we recommend a parent provide appropriate assistance with the Daily Challenge.

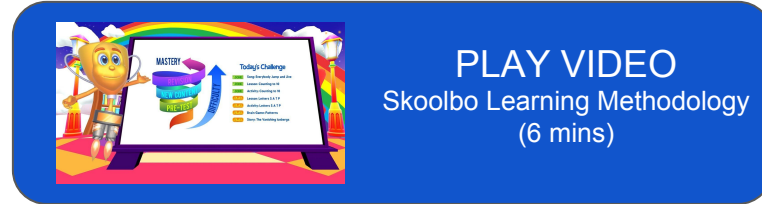


Learning Game Methodology

Skoolbo sees great benefit in a short, sharp learning game methodology when building to automaticity.

Key learning pedagogies include:

- Present curriculum at “just the right” level for each individual child
- Create a game-like environment where children genuinely want to do their best
- Provide opportunities for children to make mistakes and learn by doing
- Fully utilize visual, auditory and kinesthetic learning mediums



Parent Tip!

The downloadable 3D app (iOS, Android, PC and Mac) allows for greater game play than the web. Your home subscription can be used on both the web and the app versions.



Rapid Improvement

Expect to see rapid skill development. Parents often remark on how surprised they are at the progress made by their children.

Key aspects:

- 94% of children master a literacy or numeracy skill within 20 minutes on Skoolbo.
- Over 80% of students who use Skoolbo as recommended over a three-month period typically record a one-year grade growth in reading fluency and numeracy.
- Students have achieved more than 17 million Personal Bests at their learning while on Skoolbo.

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Research @Skoolbo

At Pre Test

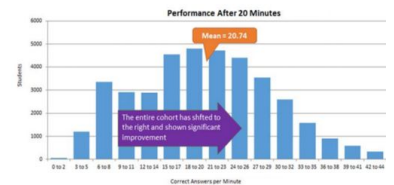
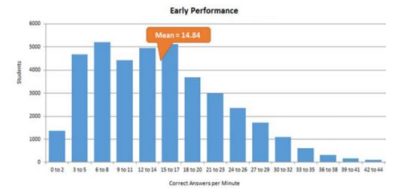
After 20 Learning Minutes



36.4% already know the skill*



94.3% of students have mastered the skill*



Parent Tip!

Maximum improvement will occur when children complete the Daily Challenge on most days.



Lessons

Skoolbo contains hundreds of step-by-step lessons designed to make concepts easy to understand. Concepts are brought to life by Captain Snaz and Mr Chimp in a fun, engaging manner. Animations are used to aid understanding, and they may be paused and replayed at any time.

Lessons are included within:

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Languages (Chinese and Spanish)
- Science
- Art
- Financial Literacy

Lessons may also be accessed via your Teacher Dashboard.



Parent Tip!

It can be very helpful for parent and child to look at the lessons together. They will often spark good discussion!



Rewards and Motivation

Skoolbo places tremendous emphasis on motivating children in their learning. The Skoolbo rewards system is a combination of short, medium and long-term goals.

Earning Snazzimals: Achieved by completing Daily Challenge

Earning Reward Game Tokens: Achieved by gaining a Personal Best result for a particular learning activity. Please be aware that it's only possible to play the reward games once a student has completed the Daily Challenge for that day.

Certificates: Achieved by passing key, longer-term milestones.



Parent Tip!

Encourage children to earn a Snazzimal every day!



Special Needs

While Skoolbo has been designed to be helpful for every child, we are especially proud of the success being had with special needs children.

How Skoolbo is helpful for children with special needs:

- Pitching to the curriculum to the right level
- Making success both common and tangible to the child
- Allowing for asynchronous development. It may be that the child is very strong in a particular subject area, while less so in others
- Not labelling the levels of the difficulty to the child, thereby not enabling negative comparisons to others
- Making the child feel comfortable and safe in their learning

Please note that, Skoolbo will not meet highly individual needs in all circumstances.

I love Skoolbo. I have used it for three years now and truly believe that it is the best program for student engagement and learning that I have seen. My student population is special ed especially those in title one schools with learning disabilities. - Jody

For the first time we have found a program that has engaged the students in our school with a broad range of disabilities. It is astounding to see a child with limited communication show us their talents with literacy and numeracy. It is heartening to see a teenager who has continually failed academically, discover success and build self esteem. - Nadine

Parent Tip!

Special needs can be very individual to the circumstances.
Please contact us on info@skoolbo.com if we can be of assistance in any way.



Curriculum Coverage

Skoolbo contains over 10,000 learning activities. There is a mixture of lessons, books and interactive learning games.

Parent Tip!

The Parent Dashboard enables parents to select which content areas are included in the Daily Challenge.



Reading & Writing

Reading - Lessons and Activities

Skoolbo contains hundreds of reading lessons and activities covering:

- Listening
- Vocabulary
- Phonics
- Word building
- High frequency words
- Reading fluency
- Similar and opposite words
- Spelling
- Sentence construction
- Grammar



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Vocabulary
Development -
Opposites 1



★★★
Verb Tenses 1



★★★
Fluency 5



★★★★
Fluency 6



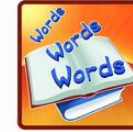
★★★
Vocabulary 6



★★★
Definitions 3



★★★
Spelling 4



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Definitions 4



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Spelling 5



★★★
Verb Tenses 2



★★★
Comprehension 2



★★★★
Vocabulary



★★★
Comprehension 3



★★★★
Sentence



★★★
Alphabetical Order

Parent Tip!

Encourage children to work towards achieving three stars on each activity.
Three stars is an indication the child has achieved mastery of the skill.



Reading
& Writing

My
Reading

◀ Class Reader Level 16 ▶



My Reading

Contains over 600 levelled early readers. Children can listen to model readings and then record and replay their reading. Most importantly, this allows children to hear how they have read the piece and then improve upon it.

This is especially helpful for developing expression when reading. The recordings are then sent through to you as a record and portfolio.

Parent Tip!

To improve reading expression, we recommend that children read the same book three times. This will be more beneficial for developing expression than reading three separate books once.



My Writing

The writing challenges are a great way for children to express their incredible and creative ideas. They're also brilliant for building vocabulary. Each writing challenge commences with an introductory lesson. After children write their responses, they bring them to life by narrating them. These are then sent to parents as part of the child's writing portfolio.



Teacher Tip!

For younger children, we recommend that parents assist in the writing process.



Reading
& Writing



Reading Blitz

The Skoolbo Voice Analyzer recognises what children say when reading or completing speech and vocabulary activities. Reading Blitz builds reading fluency.

Please be aware that Reading Blitz is only available on the web browser version, and you need to be using Google Chrome.



Parent Tip!

Reading Blitz is best done in a quiet environment. It requires the use of Google Chrome and a microphone.



Story Time



Story Time

We want every child to develop a love of stories - we believe this is an essential prerequisite of being a great reader. Skoolbo contains a library of wonderful stories designed to engage and captivate young audiences.

- **Fairy Tales & More** - includes favourites such as *Little Red Riding Hood*, *Cinderella* and *Pinocchio*
- **Brave Little Friends** - follow the story of the Brave Little Friends in their quest to be big!
- **Classics** - includes the *Wizard of Oz*, *The Velveteen Rabbit* and the Beatrix Potter series
- **Zalairos Adventures** - a wonderful series of twenty-five books following a group of children who work together to solve mysteries
- **Jokes** - Twenty-one jokes books that both amuse and aid in language development

Parent Tip!

The *Zalairos Adventures* as well as classics such as *Wizard of Oz* can make for excellent bedtime stories.

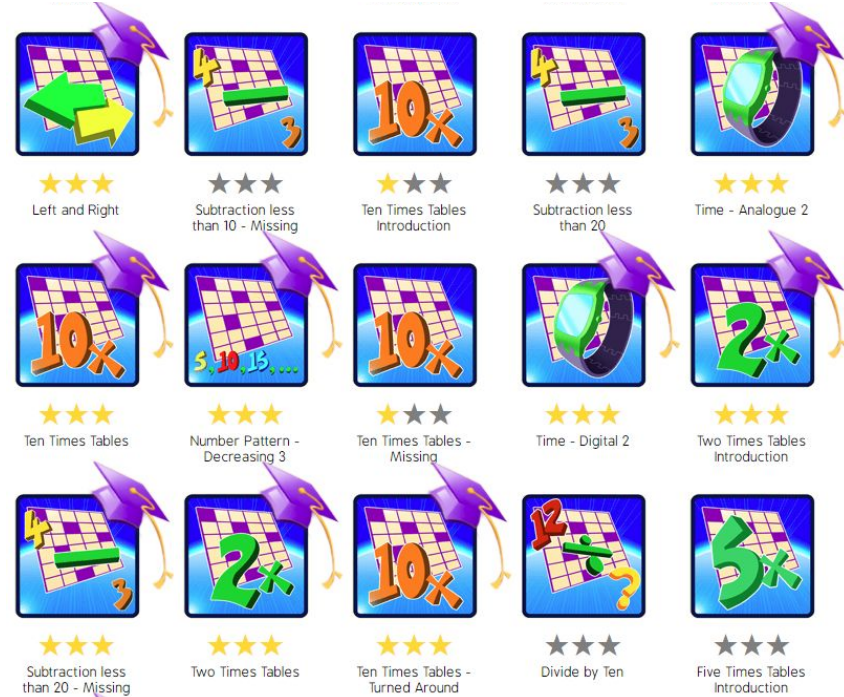


Maths

Maths - Lessons and Activities

Skoolbo contains hundreds of lessons and activities covering:

- Number recognition
- Counting
- Adding and subtracting
- Place value
- Number patterns
- Ordering
- Time
- Multiplication and division
- Order of operations
- Fractions, decimals and percentages
- Average



Parent Tip!

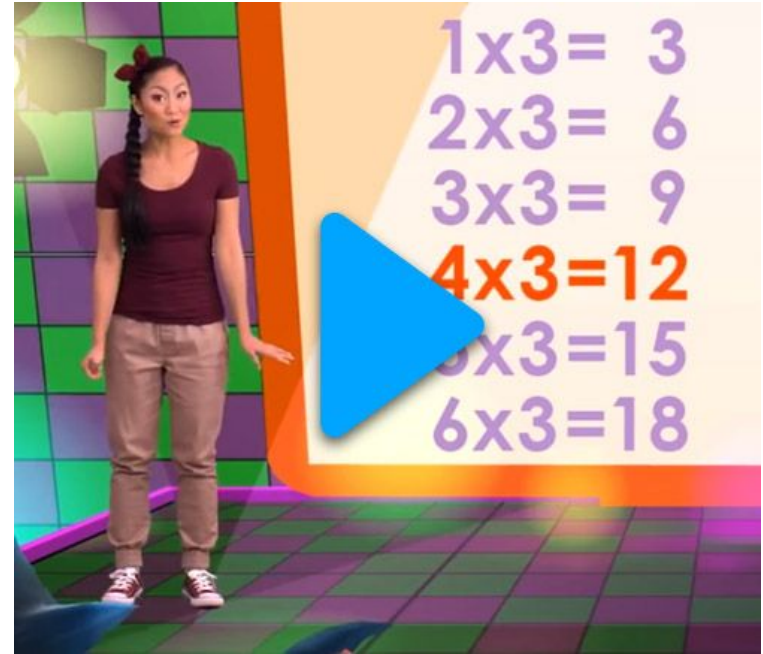
Celebrate when children have mastered (gained 3 stars) a challenging area of the curriculum.



Maths

Times Tables Songs

Skoolbo includes an exciting set of Times Tables songs that help children master multiplication in a fun way.



Parent Tip!

At the appropriate time, we recommend an intensive effort to master Times Tables. If mastery of Times Tables is heavily protracted relative to a child's peers, there may be a considerable loss of confidence in numeracy.



Science & Geography

Science & Geography

Includes over 220 narrated books covering Animals, Engineering, Environment, Health, Inventions, Oceans, People, Plants, Space, Technology, and Weather.

Curiosity is a series of STEM videos designed to promote inquisitiveness and wonderment. Mr Chimp and Captain Snaz bring to life scientific concepts in a fun, child-friendly manner.

Sample lessons include:

- Why is the sky blue?
- Why do dogs smell bad when they are wet?
- What was the Big Bang?
- What makes people snore?
- Why do hugs make you feel good?



Parent Tip!

The Curiosity lessons are ideal activities for the parent and child to watch and then discuss together. In general they last between 2 and 5 minutes.



Languages

Learning
Spanish

Learning
French

Learning
Mandarin

Aprendiendo
Inglés

Apprendre
l'anglais

学英语
英语



Languages

Skoolbo contains a languages program with hundreds of lessons, activities and songs. The languages program is especially helpful for children whose first language is not English, or for those who are trying to learn a new language!



Parent Tip!

Languages are switched off by default in Daily Challenges. Parents may enable the languages within the Parent Dashboard.



Art

Let's Draw!

A series of lessons where Captain Snaz shows us how to draw lovely animals. Children are able to pause and replay in a step-by-step, easy to follow manner.



Parent Tip!

Art is the most played section of Skoolbo by students in their free time! Encourage your child to draw along.



Music

Songs

A large collection of songs to sing along to. The videos include the lyrics in karaoke style. In addition to English, the songs are also in Spanish and French.

Benefits of Learning through Songs

- Literacy - students are exposed to rhymes, sound patterns, alliterations, new vocabulary, funny and invented words packaged together in an entertaining way!
- Learning to sing aids reading fluency and articulation.
- Develops important skills including memory and confidence in performing in front of an audience.



Parent Tip!

It's wonderful to encourage children to sing along to the songs! Don't be shy, it's even better if you join in!!



Piggy Classroom

Financial Literacy

Helps children acquire essential financial literacy skills and foster good money and saving habits.

Introduces children to concepts such as what is money, earning money, budgeting, saving for the future and spending choices.

Contains thirty lessons across three levels:

- Year 2 and below
- Years 3 and 4
- Years 5 and 6

The program is a collaboration between Skoolbo and Bendigo Bank.



Parent Tip!

Piggy Classroom contains ideal activities for the parent and child to watch and then discuss together. In general they last between 2 and 5 minutes.

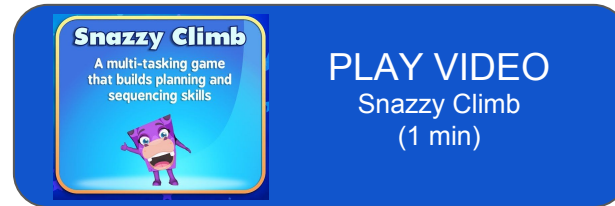
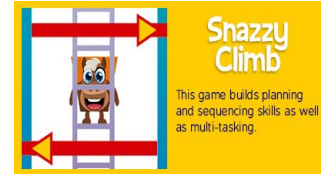
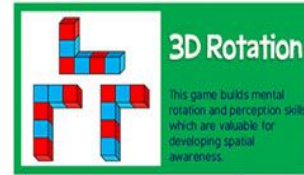


Brain Games

Let's Think!!

A series of games designed to build skills in:

- Logic
- Making Connections
- Memory
- Mental Rotation
- Multi-tasking
- Pattern Recognition
- Sequencing
- Spatial Awareness
- Strategic Planning
- Visual Scanning

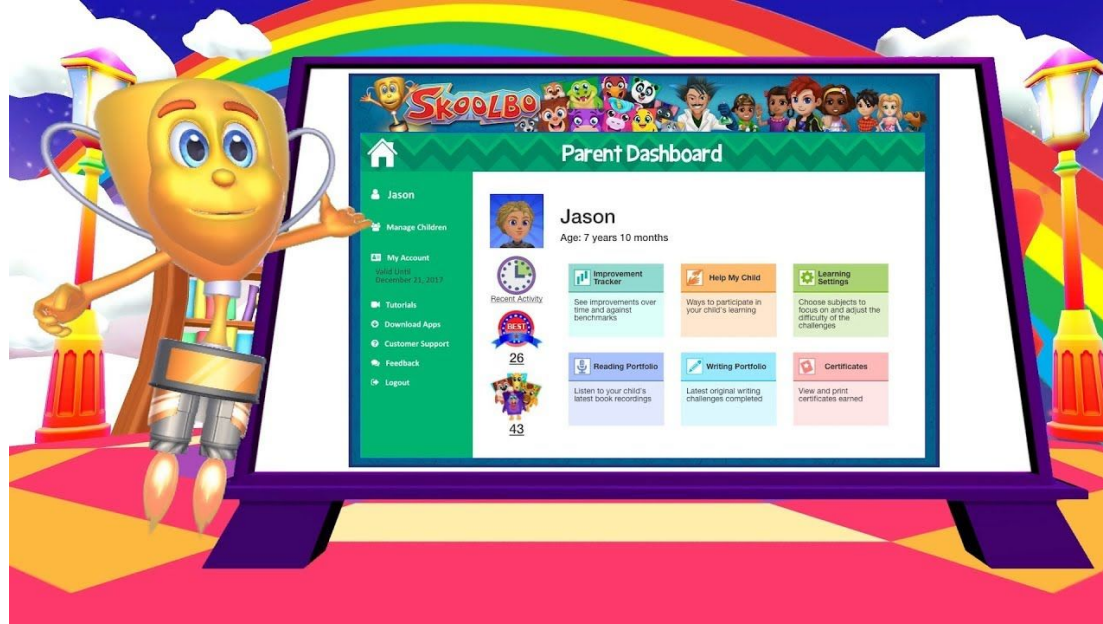


Parent Tip!

“Snazzy Climb” is especially popular with children.
But beware, it's very challenging!



Skoolbo for Parents - Smart Tools for Parents



PLAY VIDEO
Parent Tour (6 mins)

My 9, 7 and 4 year old girls love Skoolbo... they go on it everyday... If I could give it 10 stars I could.

Velda

SKOOLBO has been a major part of our family life since its very beginnings. I would highly recommend it to all children who like to learn in a fun interactive way.

Rahma



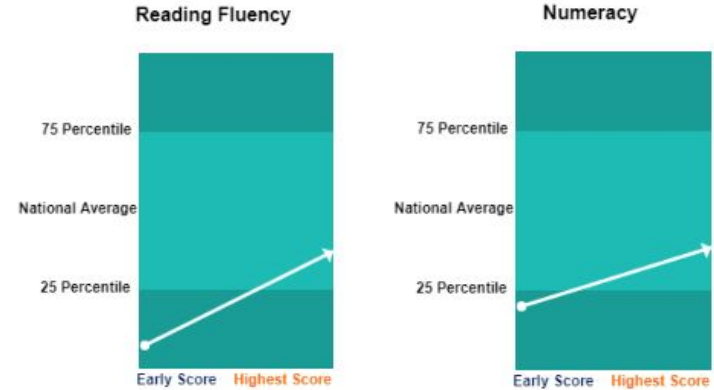
 **Improvement Tracker**

See improvements over time and against benchmarks



Improvement Tracker - Benchmark Tests

- Children complete regular benchmark tests in Reading Fluency and Numeracy
- Parents can compare their child's performance with national benchmarks
- Please be aware this data is hidden from children.



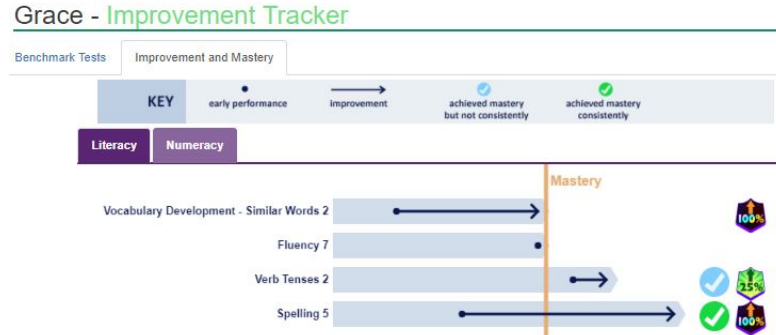
Parent Tip!

Detailed analysis of the International Test of Early Grade Skills (ITEGS) benchmark tests may [found here](#).



 **Improvement Tracker**

See improvements over time and against benchmarks



Improvement Tracker - Improvement and Mastery

- An individual student report showing early performance, improvement and mastery status.

Parent Tip!

The Improvement and Mastery Report is extremely useful for seeing the content areas showing greatest improvement as well as those needing most assistance.



Help My Child

Ways to participate in
your child's learning

◀ Logan - Help My Child

Skoolbo has identified some learning activities which would be great for you to do together with Logan.

Logan is having difficulty with these skills:

Literacy : Letter Introduction 3 (g, o, c, k)

LESSON

ACTIVITY

Literacy : Sound Introduction 2 (d, i, m, n)

LESSON

ACTIVITY

Numeracy : Number Recognition - 0 to 10

LESSON

ACTIVITY

Other great parent and child activities

Science : Can animals talk to each other?

LESSON


Help My Child

- Provides targeted learning activities to do with your child.
- Lessons are able to be paused, discussed and replayed.
- Activities promote skill development.
- We recommend doing these activities together at least weekly.

Parent Tip!

Help My Child zones in on high value learning activities to do with your child. Doing these together will considerably amplify your child's learning. This is especially so for younger children.



 **Reading Portfolio**

Listen to your child's latest book recordings

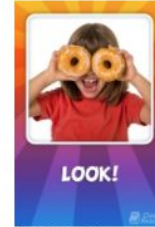
◀ Grace - My Reading Portfolio

Reading Portfolio

- Provides parents access to work completed in My Reading
- Parents are able to listen to child reading.



6 months ago



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Parent Tip!

My Reading is an ideal task for emerging readers to do at home with assistance from their parents. My Reading contains over 500 levelled early readers and chapter books.



Writing Portfolio

Latest original writing challenges completed

Being a Ghost is the Best!

poltergeisttransparent
freedomDISTURBIndependence
SHADOWADVENTURE
PHANTOMSPIRIT
INVISIBLE

51 seconds ago

Coming Soon!

select your
THRILLING
WARLOCKdangerous
PERILOUSADVENTURE
LEWITCHESenchanted
SORCERER

5 months ago

Once Upon a Time...

cottage dismal
SLYLOFTY
DINGYCACINVINES
toweringcunning

6 months ago

For Sale!

eeriePALATIAL
HISTORICsecluded
GOLDMANSION
WILD BARGAINCREEPY
residentialcharacterfulSPACIOUS

6 months ago

Writing Portfolio

- Provides parent access to work completed in My Writing
- Parents are able to read responses and listen to narrations.

Being a Ghost is the Best!

I love being a ghost. You get to scare people and it's really fun.

There are lots of other ghosts you can be friends with. We have ghost parties.

You're invisible and no one can see you.

You get to live forever as a ghost. You don't even need to sleep, it's so much fun.

You can also go through walls and you can fly fast in the sky. You are never too hot or too cold.

I love being a ghost, it's the best.

poltergeisttransparent
freedomDISTURBIndependence
SHADOWADVENTURE
PHANTOMSPIRIT
INVISIBLE

Play

Parent Tip!

The Reading and Writing Portfolios are among the most useful parts of the Parent Dashboard!



Learning Settings

Choose subjects to focus on and adjust the difficulty of the challenges

Learning Settings

- Parents have the ability to set the content areas that make up the Daily Challenge.
- Please note that Languages (French, Mandarin and Spanish) are turned off from Daily Challenges by default.
- Parents can alter the difficulty level of literacy and numeracy curriculum presented to children.



Alice - Learning Settings

Select the subject areas that you wish to include within the Daily Challenges.
Please be aware that not all curriculum will be presented each day.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literacy Lessons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Story Time
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literacy Activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brain Games
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Numeracy Lessons	<input type="checkbox"/> English Learning French
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Numeracy Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> English Learning Mandarin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science & Geography	<input type="checkbox"/> English Learning Spanish
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> French Learning English
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin Learning English
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Piggy Classroom	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish Learning English

Difficulty settings are determined through the Skoolbo Learning Algorithms which analyzes all previous work. Parents are able to override the setting - we encourage caution prior to making changes to the setting.

Literacy Difficulty	easier	<input type="range"/>	harder
Numeracy Difficulty	easier	<input type="range"/>	harder

Save

Parent Tip!

Use the Learning Settings to focus on particular curriculum areas to better meet your child's requirements.



Certificates

View and print
certificates earned

Congratulations!

- Certificates celebrate learning milestones.

◀ Tully - Certificates



Parent Tip!

It's time to celebrate! Children love it when certificates are printed and displayed at home.



Tutorials

- Explains the functionality and underlying methodology behind Skoolbo.

Parent Dashboard

Student Learning Area

Jackson

Manage Children

Link Grandparents

My Account
Valid Until
December 4, 2019

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Tutorials

Skoolbo Parent Dashboard Tour

The Skoolbo Learning Methodol...

Welcome to Skoolbo!

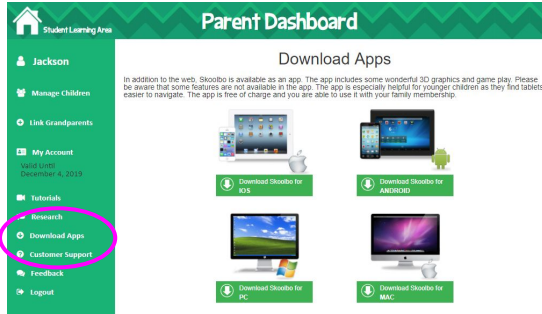
Skoolbo Review: What do teach...

Parent Tip!

Please be encouraged to watch the brief Tutorials to help get the most out of Skoolbo!



The Downloadable App Version



- In addition to the web, Skoolbo is available as an app. The app includes some wonderful 3D graphics and game play.
- Children can use both the web and the app and the results are automatically synced together.
- The app is free of charge and you are able to use it with your family membership.
- Please be aware that some features are not available in the app.

Parent Tip!

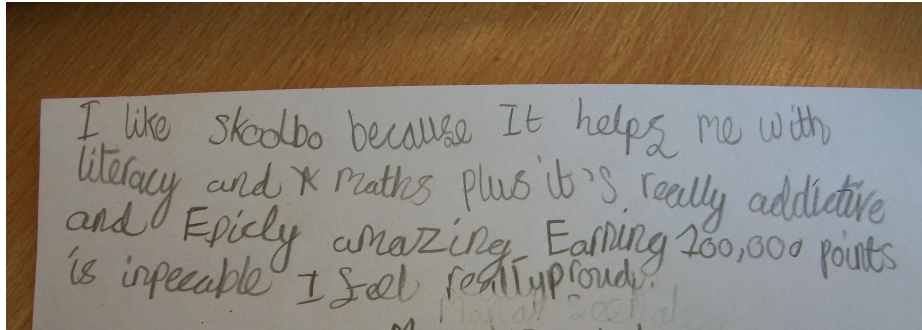
The app is especially helpful for younger children as they find touch-screen tablets easier to navigate. Many children will also like the 3D racing game experience.



Skoolbo is without a doubt the best gamified learning tool I have come across in my ten plus years as a Digital Technologies teacher. Our school is incredibly diverse, with more than 40 spoken languages. Catering for these dynamics and differentiating the curriculum for individual needs is a big challenge. If I had the choice of one digital tool to use to support student learning Skoolbo would be my first choice. - Richard

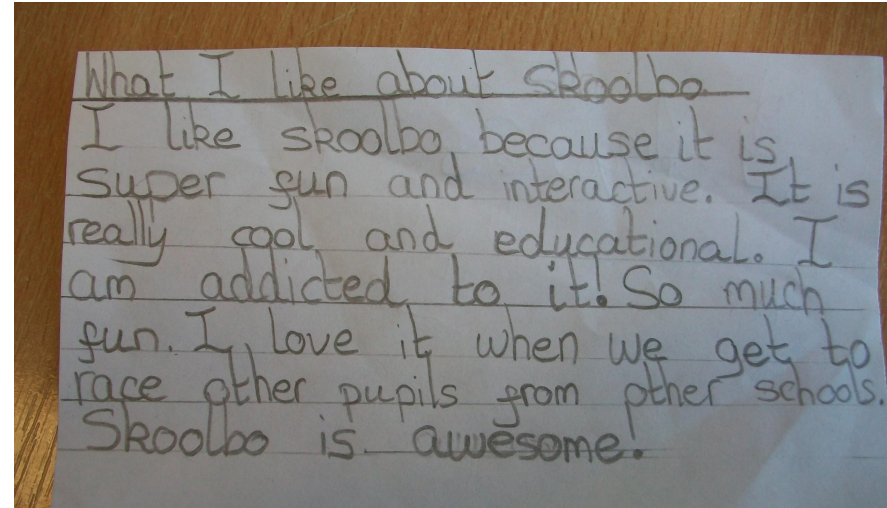


In the Words of Kids!



"The learning has helped me so much! The way that it helps me learn is extraordinary! I practice and practice and pretty soon, I smash the record! Skoolbo has everything a child needs to help them learn."

Jacob





Best Game-based Curriculum Solution

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