

At Otterburn we use an online programme called Doodle to support your child's learning.

### A little bit about Doodle

Doodle improves children's confidence and ability in Maths and English. Using the apps for just 10 minutes a day is proven to help children make three months of progress in just one month! The intelligent algorithm powering the apps learns what your child's strengths and weaknesses are and builds a personalised work programme tailored around them.

#### How to get started

You can use DoodleMaths, DoodleEnglish, DoodleTables and DoodleSpell on the following phones and tablets;

- Apple: iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch
- Android: Samsung, HTC, Google, Huawei, Motorola
- Amazon: Fire Tablet

The minimum OS versions required are Android 5.0, Fire OS 5 and iOS 12 (Unfortunately Doodle is not available on an iPad4, Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 10.1", Samsung Galaxy Tab 3 8.0" and Kindle Fire HDX).

If you are using a tablet you will need to download the app, you will be able to do this by clicking on this link: <u>Doodle apps</u>

You can also access all of our programmes using a Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browser on any desktop or laptop computer. You will be able to access these here:

- DoodleMaths <u>https://students.doodlelearning.com/</u>
- DoodleEnglish <u>https://students.doodlelearning.com/english</u>
- DoodleSpell <u>https://students.doodlelearning.com/spell</u>
- DoodleTables <u>https://students.doodlelearning.com/spell</u>

Please note, if you are using a PC, laptop or Chromebook you won't be able to download the apps, but can use the browser versions which have the same functionality as our downloadable apps.

#### Linking your parent email

Linking your parent email to your child's school account is really important (and really easy!) to do. By linking your parent email you will be able to monitor your child's progress on the free DoodleConnect app or on the Parent Dashboard. This will help ensure that you make the most out of your child's subscription to Doodle!

The key thing to remember when linking is that your child needs to login to the Doodle app using the username and password provided by the school - please don't create a new account for them.

# In App

1. Ask your child to open up their Doodle app and login with the username and password as provided by their school - *you will find these details in the front of your child's yellow reading diary. If you can't find these, please contact the school directly and don't create a new account for them.* 

2. From the Learning Zone of the app, click on the Menu in the top left hand corner

Menu →	Learning Z	one	
Today	5 a-day 7 tricky	+	You're in the green zone! Why not go and check out your robot?
			🖶 Add Assignment

### 3. Select Settings



## 4. Select Parent details along the top

Menu →		Settings		
Accessibility	Parent details 🕯	Child details 🕏	Work programme 🕏	About
	Text-to-speech			
	Sounds			
	Timer options		>	
	Coloured overlay		None	

5. Please complete the parental security gate by entering the numbers shown

6. If you're new to Doodle please click on Create parent account. If you already have a Doodle account (perhaps because you already have another child using Doodle, or have used Doodle in the past), click on Link existing account

7. Follow the steps by inputting your details to link your parent email to your child's school account.

# **Baseline Assessment**

Baseline assessment is Doodle's way of determining your child's current level of learning, by identifying gaps in their knowledge and then using this information to create a personalised work programme for your child.

At the beginning of the baseline assessment, your child will first need to confirm their birth month and year.

Next, your child will be asked to select how confident they feel with the subject.

- Set it right next to Not confident if they're working below their year group
- Set it right next to Super confident if they're working above their year group
- Set it in the middle if they are working at average in their year group.



Your child is now ready to begin their first baseline assessment exercise by tapping on the purple, baseline icon within their Learning Zone. Please refrain from helping your child complete their baseline assessment. Children must work independently on the assessment to allow the app to fully understand your child's strengths and weaknesses and not the strengths and weaknesses of anyone else.

Finally, after each baseline assessment exercise is completed, your child will be asked if the questions they received in this particular exercise were 'too hard', 'too easy' or 'just right'.

At the end of your child's baseline assessment, your child will be placed into the curriculum at a point where the child has shown a gap in their learning. Advancing through the curriculum relies on building on foundations or earlier knowledge, which is why Doodle focuses on filling learning gaps and ensuring children are comfortable with basic concepts.

## Spellings on Doodle Spell

The spellings for the week are on Doodle Spell. When your child is logged on they can be found by clicking on the red 'assignments' button. There are some practice activities and then a test.