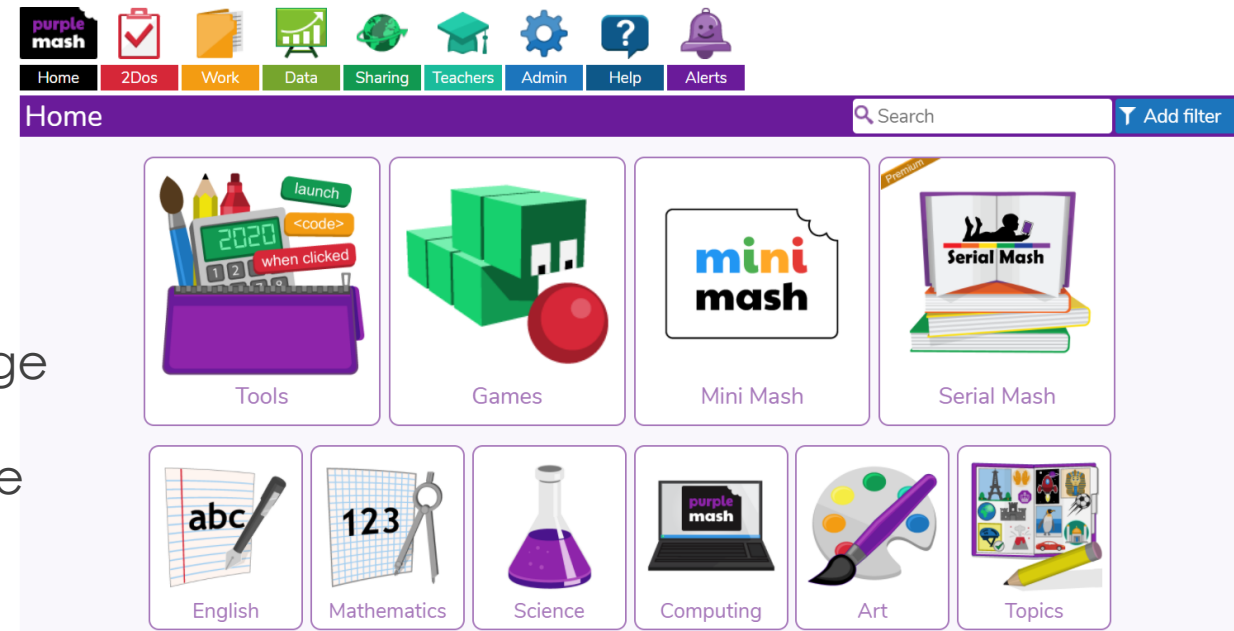


Using Purple Mash in SEN settings



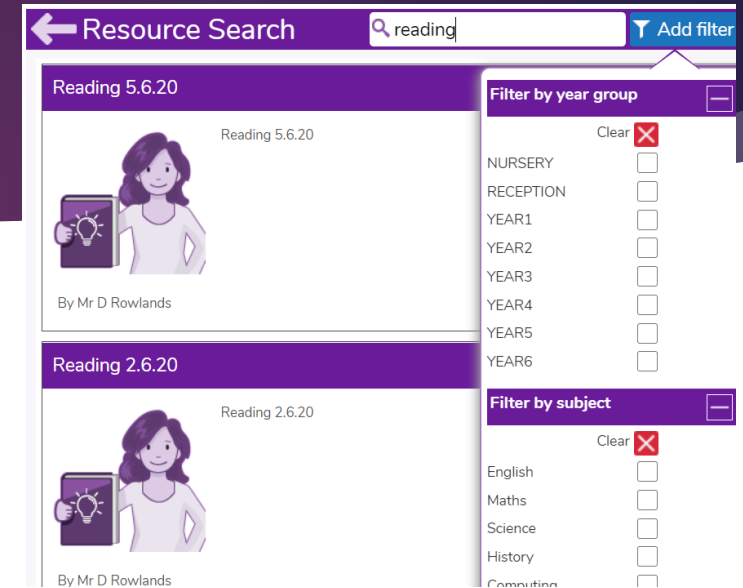
Key features

- ▶ Purple Mash offers a **wide range of activities** for all curriculum areas.
- ▶ Pupils can access all content so they can choose what they do if you want them to or you can set them tasks to complete.
- ▶ The activities are simple to use and have how to videos for pupils.
- ▶ There are **activities that will suit all pupils abilities** and most activities do not specify a year group/age so there isn't a worry about pupils working below expected to feel different. In maths there are some activities that do specify age but this can be removed when set as a 2Do.

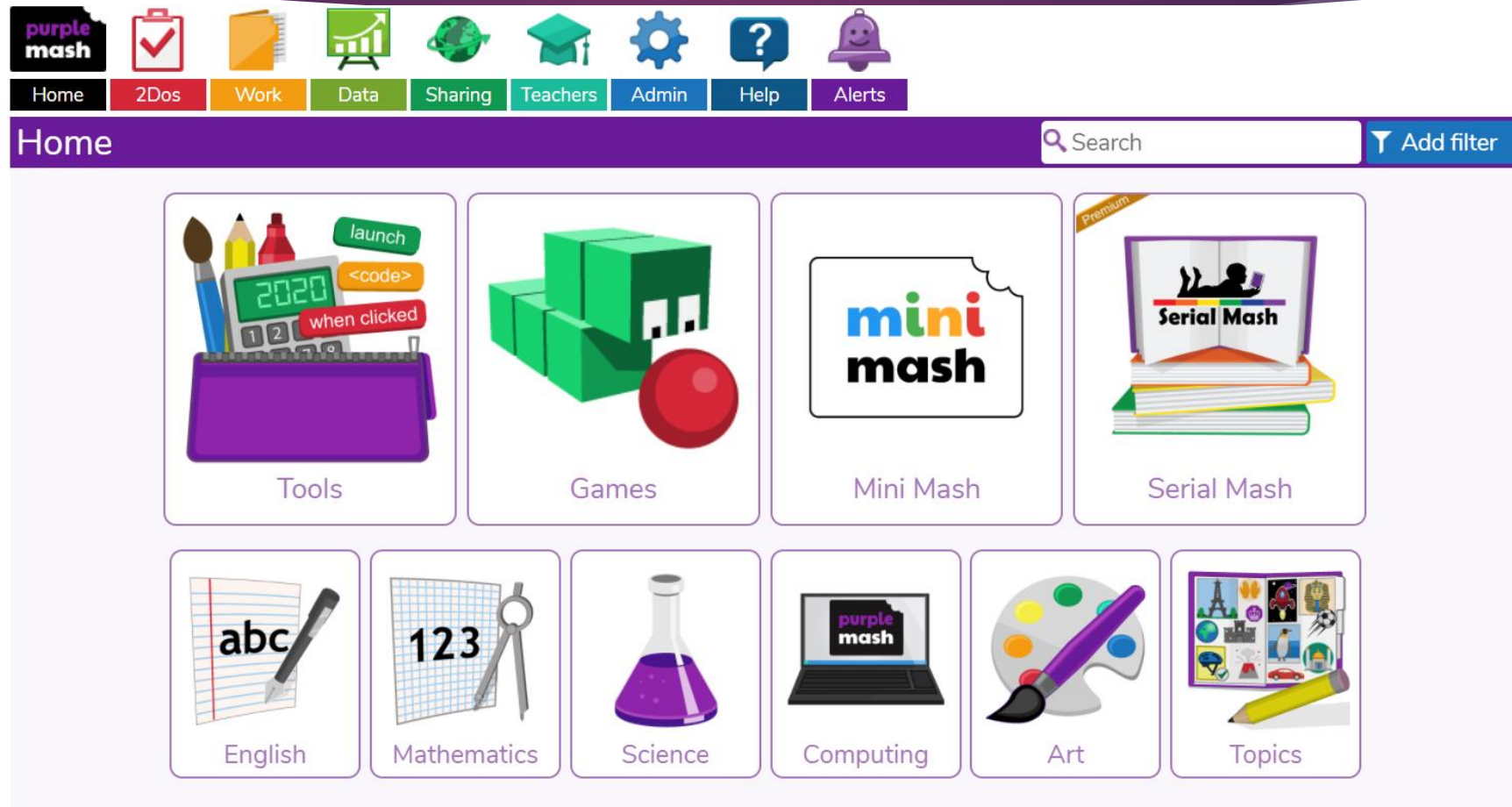


Resources

- ▶ On Purple Mash you can search for teacher made resources and share your own, these are not always high quality though so need checking prior to use.
- ▶ There are also planning documents, curriculum maps and professional development made by Purple Mash available to use.

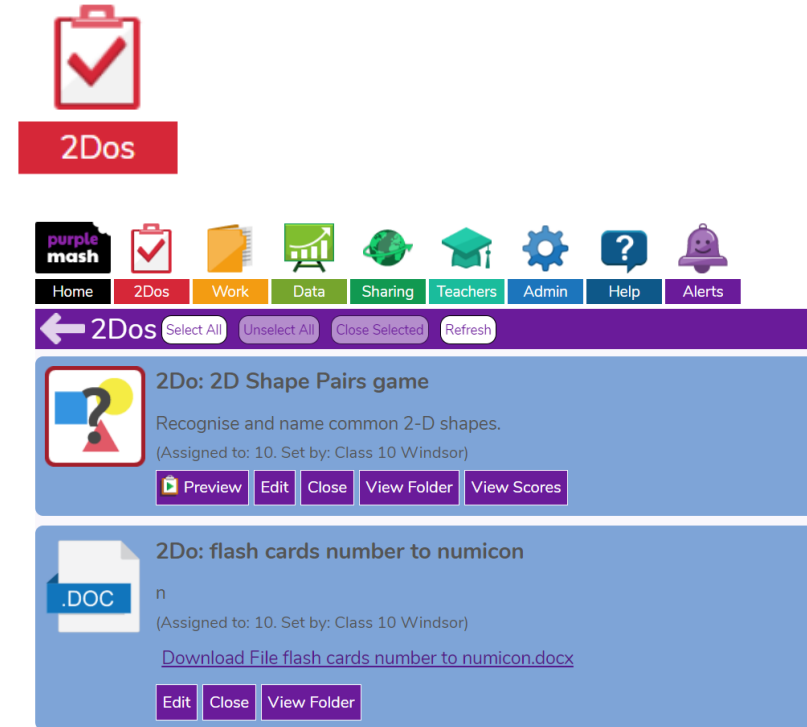


A quick tour of Purple Mash



Key features for home learning that are useful in SEN settings

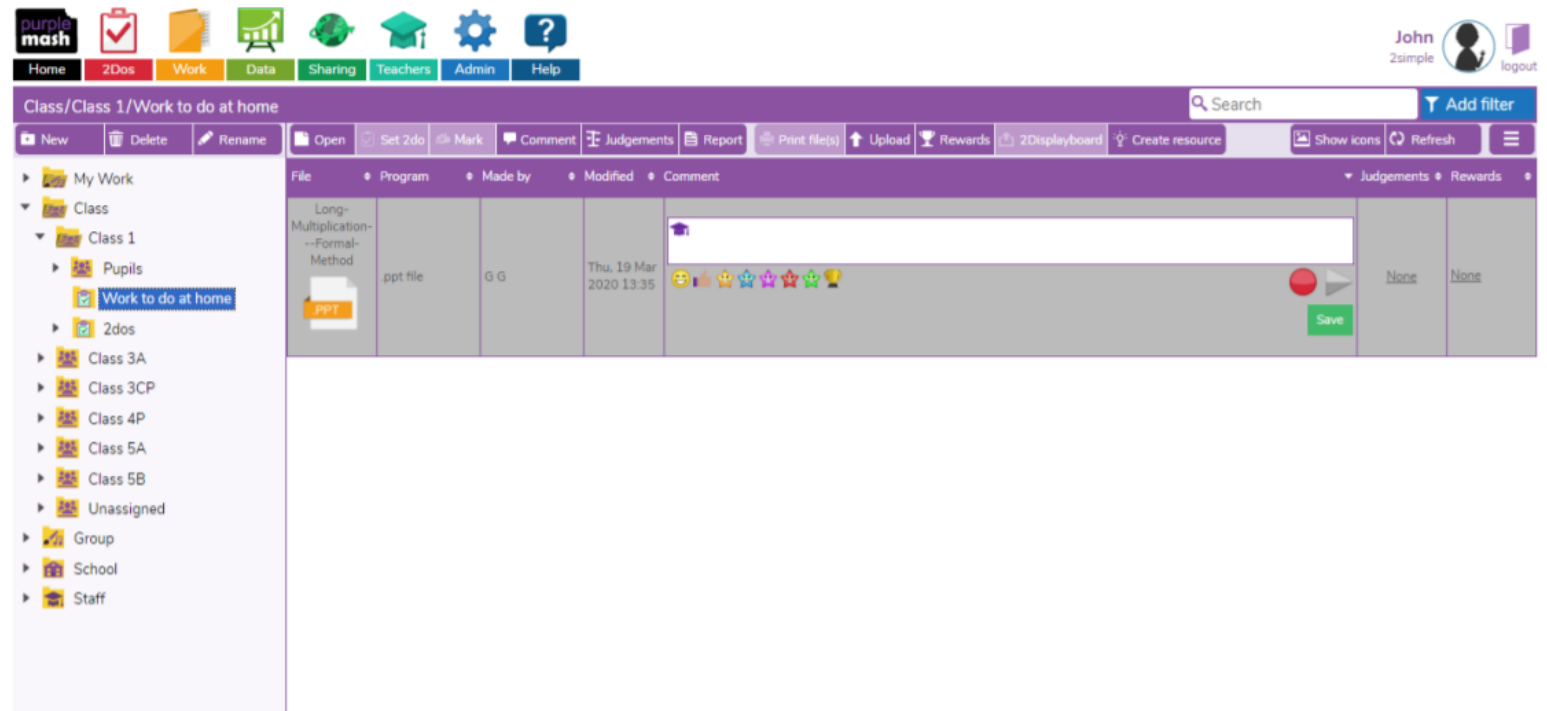
- ▶ Teachers can set activities as '**2Dos**' and specify when it needs completing by. This doesn't have to be activities on Purple Mash, you can upload documents too.
- ▶ You can add **audio instructions** so pupils can hear you telling them what they need to do. This works well for pupils with SEN as they do not need to be able to read.
- ▶ It is **simple** for pupils to find the activities that they need to complete. The use of the logos on a simple guide sheet helps pupils know what to click on and increases their independence.
- ▶ You can easily **create groups** within your class to set differentiated work.
- ▶ Teachers can **leave feedback for pupils and mark work** when they have completed the task, again this can be audio.



Uploading work documents from the computer into Purple Mash

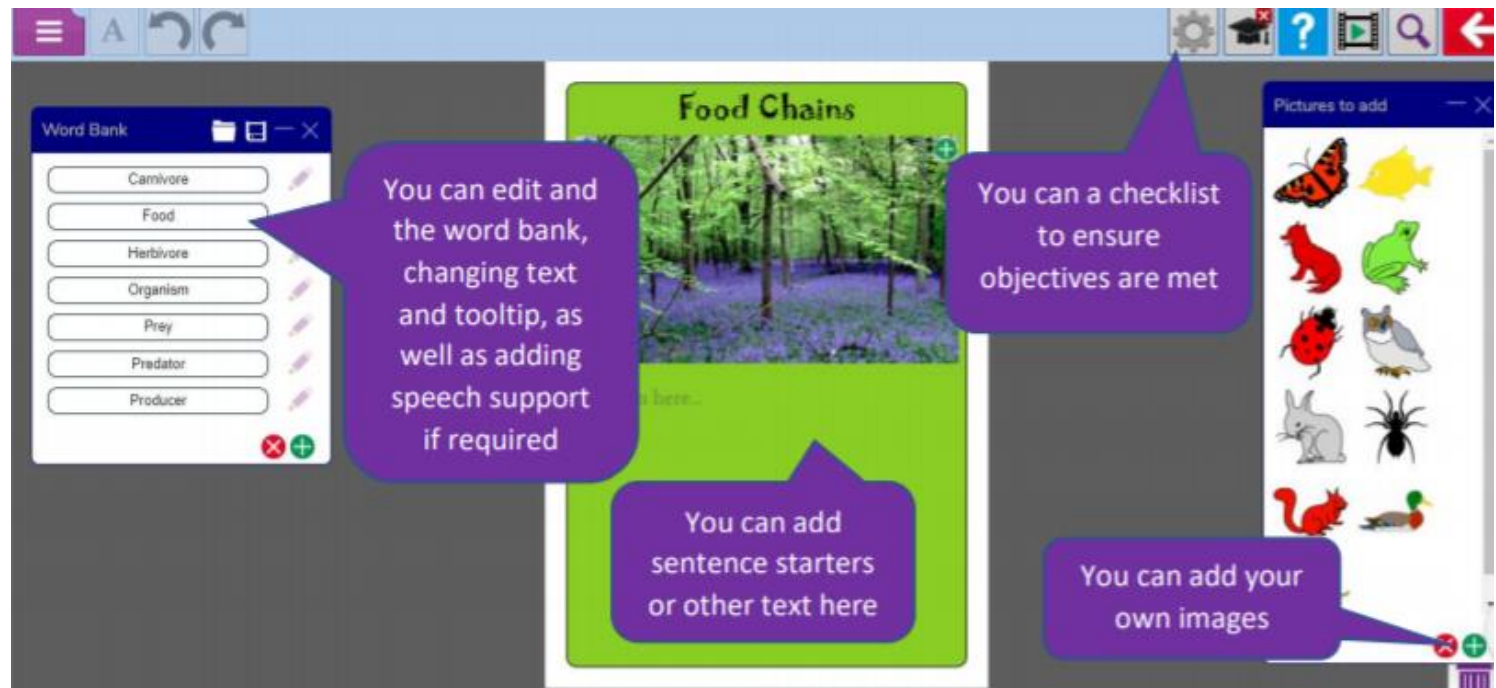
Work set by teachers can be uploaded onto Purple Mash and put into shared class folder or individual pupil folders. They can also be set as '2dos'

This includes PPT, word documents, PDFs etc.



Differentiation

- ▶ Activities can be differentiated to meet individual needs using teacher mode.
- ▶ However this function isn't available on all activities so you need to look for the black hat on the tool bar in the activity.
- ▶ When you have finished editing, it can be saved and shared as '2Dos' or dropped into pupil folders.



Before differentiating

The screenshot shows a digital workspace titled "All About the Human Skeleton". On the left, a "Think About" sidebar contains a list of terms: bones, purpose, strength, joints, funny bones, and compare. The main workspace has four empty yellow sticky notes for writing and a "Pictures" panel on the right displaying various images of human bones and a full skeleton. A pink arrow points to the "Pictures" panel with the text "Before differentiating".

After differentiating for individual pupils.

Audio can be added to the word list to support understanding.













Video introductions can also be added at the start.

The screenshot shows the same digital workspace after differentiation. The "Think About" sidebar now contains a custom list of terms: skull, rib cage, and skeleton. A tooltip for the "skull" term displays the text "Where is the skull? What does the skull protect?". The main workspace has three yellow sticky notes: the top one features a skull image, the middle one features a full skeleton image, and the bottom one features a rib cage image. The "Pictures" panel on the right shows icons for body, chest, head, skeleton, ribs, and skull. A pink arrow points from the text "After differentiating for individual pupils." to the "Think About" sidebar.

Think about

- Animals
- Names
- Describe
- Diet
- Habitat
- Size
- Conservation

Safari Animals Fact Sheet

  Write in here..	  Write in here..	  Write in here..
  Write in here..	  Write in here..	  Write in here..

Pictures to add















Before differentiating






After differentiating for individual pupils.

You can make it as simple as you want. In this activity pupils will practice matching symbols to picture. The symbols were saved on the computer as images and then uploaded onto the activity.

Safari Animals Fact Sheet

  Write in here..	  Write in here..	  Write in here..
  Write in here..	  Write in here..	  Write in here..

Match the symbol

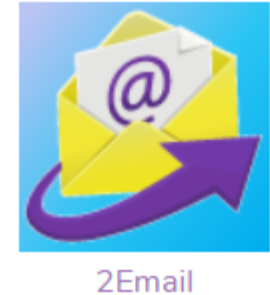
	
cheetah	giraffe
	
tiger	rhino
	
lion	zebra

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Other home learning features

- ▶ **Email facility**- teachers and pupils can email through '2Email'. This is a secure email system as you can only email purple mash accounts and not external emails.
- ▶ Pictures, documents and links can be emailed to pupils and pupils can share their completed work using '2Email'.
- ▶ Pupils can create **blogs**, this requires teachers to authorise anything that gets put on there and can be set as only school or public to view so is secure. This is a nice way to share work with
- ▶ You can complete **collaborative documents** online.



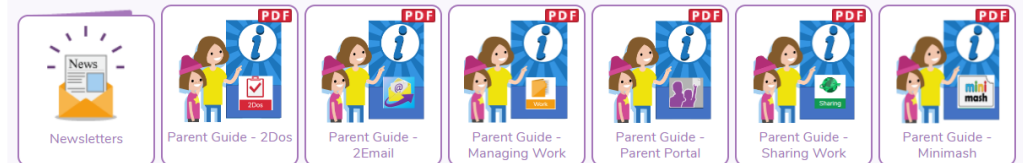
Usability

- ▶ Purple Mash is **easy to use** and set up.
- ▶ There are a lot of **how to guides and videos** aimed at teachers, pupils and parents. Which walk you through how to use the different functions.
- ▶ It is a **secure** site and requires access through the school portal, then pupils to use their logins.
- ▶ **Multi-platform...** pupils can complete work on iPads, Chrome books, tablets, mobile phones or PCs
- ▶ All work is cloud storage with anytime access for pupils and teachers

Home Learning with 2simple : Videos:



Support for parents:



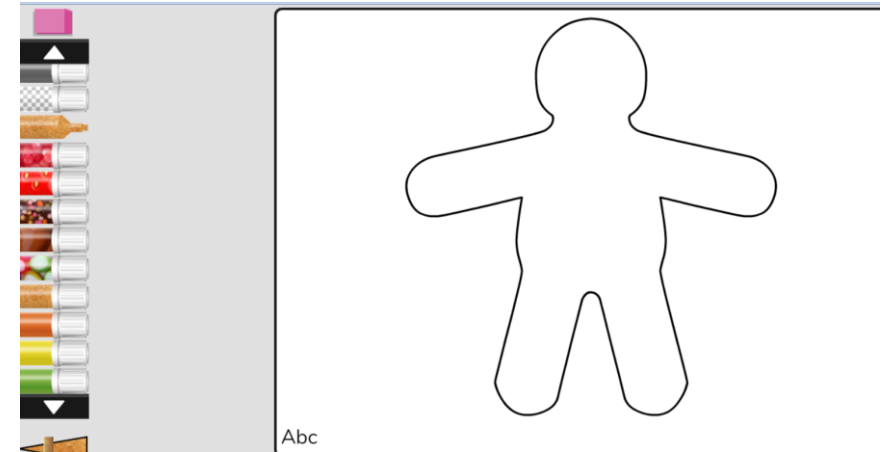
Top tips

- ▶ **Use Purple Mash in school** with the pupils so they become familiar with it, particularly the 2Dos or the method you are going to use for remote learning.
- ▶ Use simple **how to guides for pupils** who may require additional support logging on and finding activities. As a school we use Widget symbolised instructions so it is clear what steps they need to do to log on. These can be sent home too.
- ▶ **Encourage staff to keep practising** using it as if you haven't used it for a while, you can forget what to do.
- ▶ Differentiate learning activities by **setting up groups** within your class for pupils by ability- this will save you time searching for a specific child.
- ▶ Take advantage of any **training** that Purple Mash provide as part of the package.
- ▶ Advise parents to look at the how to guides on Purple Mash if they are having difficulties or you can send home a copy of the parents guide that is on the website.

Pros:

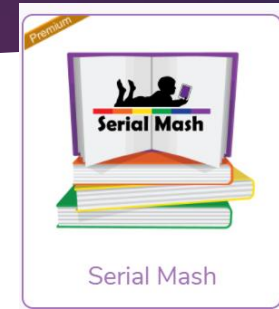
Pros:

- ▶ Quick and easy to set up and use.
- ▶ Brilliant for creative activities and to give pupils more independence.
- ▶ A wealth of resources available across the curriculum.
- ▶ You can upload documents for pupils to work on.
- ▶ Home learning facilities enable feedback to be provide in different ways - text, audio.
- ▶ Good user guides.
- ▶ Easy to adapt and differentiate some resources.



Cons:

- ▶ Some activities can come at an additional cost- serial mash.
- ▶ Some resources cannot be adapted to meet individual needs.
- ▶ For older pupils, they may feel that it aimed at younger children as it has a very simple interface.
- ▶ It's a busy platform, so teachers may struggle to keep up with what students are doing.
- ▶ Students may get distracted by the different activities available and veer away from doing the work set for them as there are a lot of activities on there.



Costing

The costing depends on the size of the school and length of subscription. Here is an example of costing:

- ▶ ***The following prices are for schools with between 150-299 pupils*** for 1 year = £800 (includes x1 90min CPD session), 3 years = £2,020 (includes x2 CPD sessions) and 5 years = £3,150 (includes x3 CPDs).
- ▶ ***The following prices are for schools with between 300-499 pupils*** for 1 year = £950 (includes x1 90min CPD session), 3 years = £2,425 (includes x2 CPD sessions) and 5 years = £3,800 (includes x3 CPDs).