



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that Key Stage 2 children are now able to access two new learning resources from home. The resources, 'MathsShed' and 'SpellingShed', have been used at Woodstone Primary School as a learning tool in the past, but are now available for every child to log in to outside of school.

Both resources are available to use online and as downloadable apps on smart phones and tablets. Every child has now been given their own login details, which are the same for both MathsShed and SpellingShed. Year 3's login details can be found in the front cover of their homework books. Please note that whilst the apps are free to use, the SpellingShed app costs £2.49 to download. MathsShed is free.

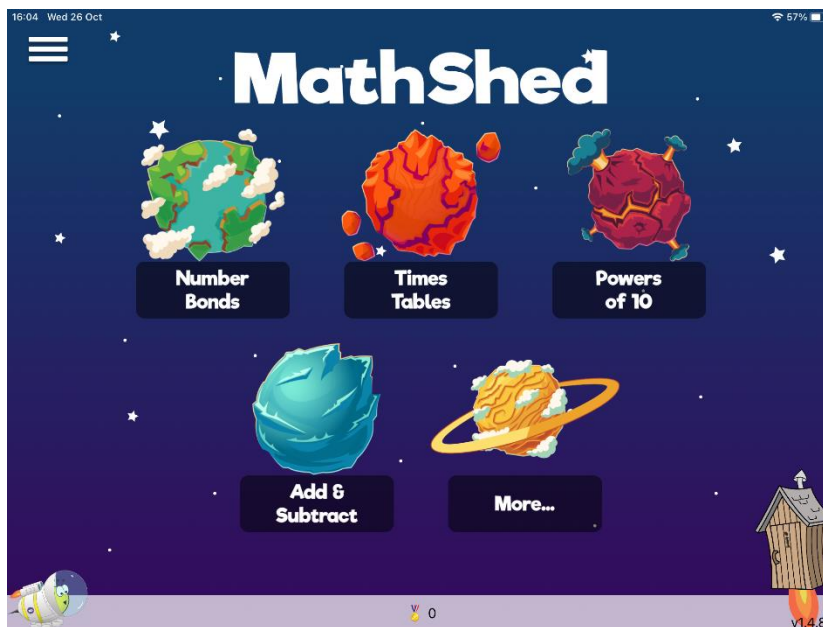
Logging in to the apps

To log in to either MathsShed or SpellingShed from the app homescreen, click on the Menu icon in the top left of the homescreen and click on the *Sign In* button.

MathsShed

MathsShed contains multiple activities to improve children's mathematical confidence and fluency. For Year 3 children, becoming confident with number bonds and addition and subtraction skills is very beneficial to this stage of their learning.

To access these activities, click on the number bonds planet, then select the number bonds to 20 activity. From there, you can select whether to play with addition facts, subtraction facts, or with both.



For addition and subtraction activities, select the Add & Subtract planet, then the *within 20* option. From there, the options for addition, subtraction, or both are available.



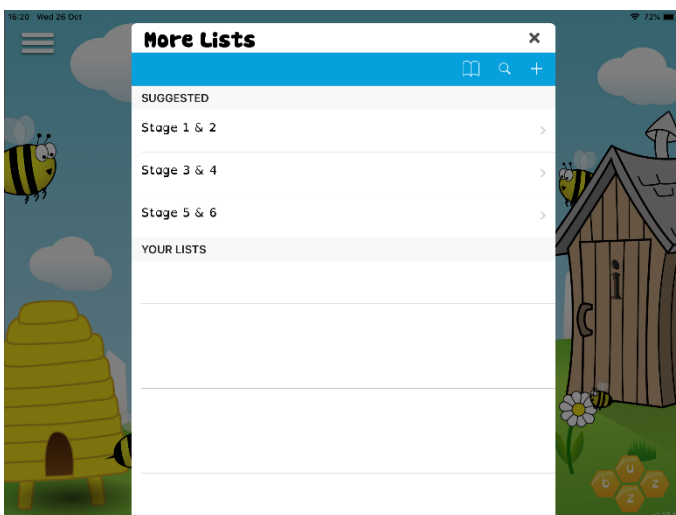
SpellingShed

At Woodstone, we use the SpellingShed scheme of learning for children's learning. Each set of lessons corresponds to a SpellingShed list which can be practiced at home. To access these lists from the SpellingShed home, first click on the *More Lists* button at the bottom of the screen.



From here, click on the **small book symbol**. This will take you to a new screen with a drop-down list option. Select **Stage 3** and you will be presented with a list of options that correspond with the spelling lesson we will be completing whilst in Year 3.

When playing games on SpellingShed, there are different levels of difficulty. The hard level of difficulty contains all of the letters of the alphabet, whilst lower levels contain fewer letters. It is recommended that you observe your child's scores to determine what level they should be playing at. Once they are completing levels with confidence, they should move on to new levels.



Please remember that these are optional learning resources that are available to the children at Woodstone.

If you have any questions about MathsShed or SpellingShed, then please don't hesitate to contact me either at school or through the Year 3 class email:

year3@woodstone.leics.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mr. J. Brewin

