

# Sumdog Guide



Here are a few tips to help you and your child use Sumdog.com.

**Sumdog.com is a free website with math games that can help your child with maths. Every child in Blairdardie Primary School has a free account with a username and password.**

After logging in, the children can play a quick warm up game whilst Sumdog is loading.

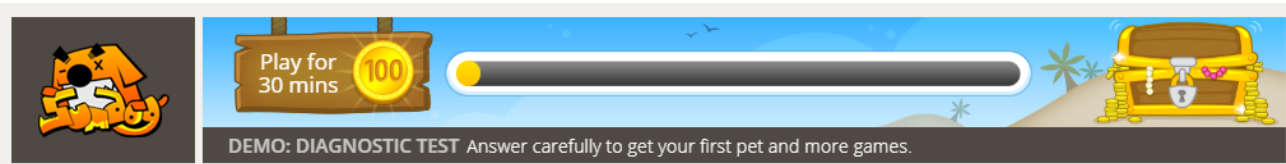


This is the homepage with your child's character or avatar.





The bar at the top of the screen tells you about the play for 30 minutes rewards and the diagnostic test or math skill they are working on.



**Play for 30 minutes:** Research has shown that Sumdog may help your child impact their maths attainment by playing for **30 minutes a week**. If a child plays Sumdog for 30 minutes within a week they are rewarded with 100 coins.

**Diagnostic test:** When your child first logs in, Sumdog will give them a diagnostic test of around 100 questions. Your child will play the games as normal, but through the games they will be asked a variety of questions so Sumdog can find out what level of difficulty and what math skills they should work on

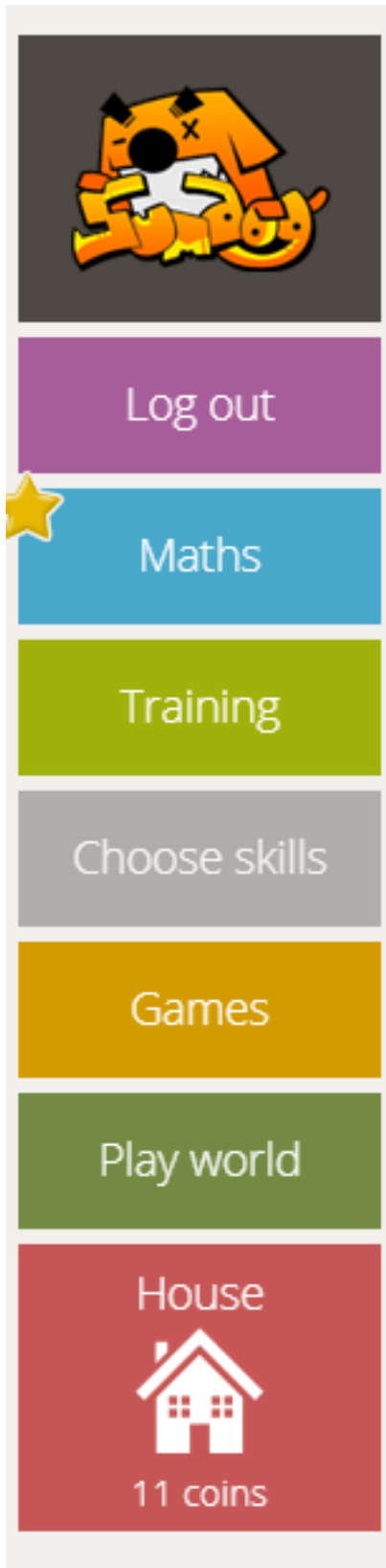
**TIP! Please do not help your child with the questions during this part.** It is ok if they get a question wrong, Sumdog will learn from their answers and after the test their questions should be suited to their ability.

**After the diagnostic test they will be rewarded with a pet for their Sumdog character. The box will now say what math skill they are working on when they log in.**

If you feel that your child needs to retake the diagnostic test please let your child's teacher know and they can reset it. Your child will not lose any coins or their pet when this happens.



At the side of the screen there is a menu.



**Log out:** click here to log out of Sumdog.

**Maths:** The curricular area your child is working on.

**Training:** You have the option here to choose either training or tables. Training means that Sumdog will allocate questions based on the skills your child is working on. Choose the tables option to practise questions on multiplication, division as well as addition and subtraction.

**Choose skills:** you and your child can choose the skills that they wish to work on. This can only be done after the diagnostic test is finished.

**Games:** takes the child to the games menu. They can also click the image behind their character on the home page.

**Play world:** you can choose if your child wants to play against other children from around the world, children in their class, or a Sumdog robot! There are no messaging areas within Sumdog so pupils cannot talk to each other or strangers.

**House:** a virtual reality room where children can buy clothes and accessories for their character and their room using the coins they have won from the games.



# FAQ- frequently asked Questions



## **My child is in P1/ P2 and Sumdog is asking them multiplication questions. Why?**

- If they are completing their diagnostic test make sure you let them answer questions on their own. If they can't do it let them get the answer wrong and Sumdog will learn what level to set their questions at.
- Check that they are in training mode and not on table mode. See the menu on their home-page.

## **My child is spending too much time on Sumdog. Does my child need to play for 30 minutes every day?**

- No! The 30 minute bar at the home-page is there to help children with reaching their goal of playing for **30 minutes within a whole week**. They are rewarded with gold coins for this. It is up to you how long you let your child play on Sumdog and when.

## **Sumdog isn't working on my child's iPad. Why not?**

- Sumdog have apologised that their app isn't available for download for iPads that are not using the most up to date software. They have told us they are working on this.

## **Do I need to play Sumdog on an iPad or tablet?**

- Sumdog works best on their app, but you can also play Sumdog on a computer.
- On a PC, Sumdog has a wider range of games available on Internet explorer web browser, but runs faster using the Google Chrome web browser. It is up to you what you would rather choose.





## **What is the Sumdog School competition?**

- Every month a competition is set for all the pupils in the school. The pupils with the most correct answers at the end of the month are recognised as the Sumdog champions. There is a P1-3 winner and a P4-7 winner. Sometimes there are rewards for the classes that have earned the most coins as a group.
- Your child's place in the completion will appear at the side of their menu on the home-page.

## **Can I play games on Sumdog with my child?**

-Yes! Parents can sign up for a FREE Sumdog account. You receive weekly updates about your child's progress and you can also play games with them. Go to <http://www.sumdog.com/en/parent/> for more information. You do not need to pay for a subscription to play against your child for free.

## **My child doesn't have log in or has lost their log in information.**

- Please let your child's teacher know and they can set up an account or give you a copy of the username and password.

If there are any other questions please let your child's teacher know. And we will be happy to help. Hopefully this guide has answered some questions for you. Have fun!

