

# Purple Mash



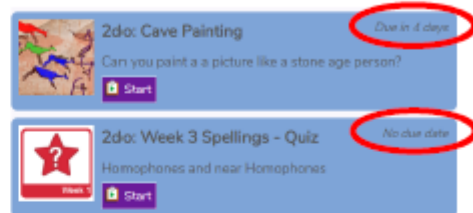
How to use Purple Mash - A tutorial for Parents and Children:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\\_thPTdRxNU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_thPTdRxNU)

## 2Do's: Parent guide

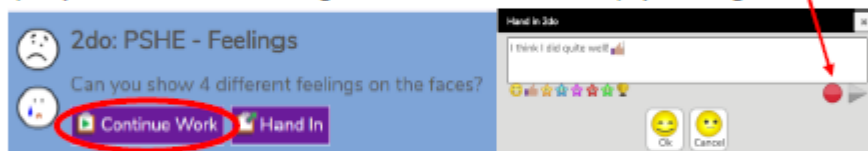


Your child's teacher will often set tasks as a '2Do' to be completed. These are activities and tasks which your child can access either via the notification bell or by clicking the red 2Do icon at the top of the screen.

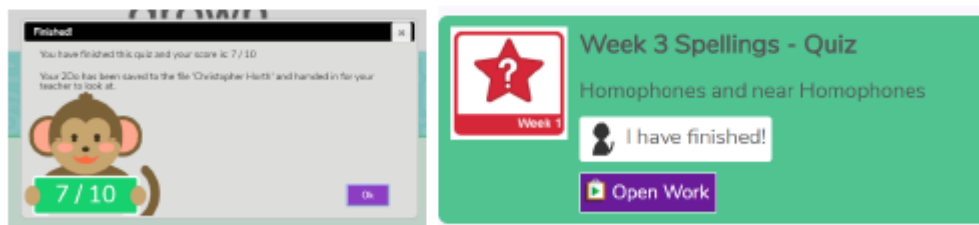
2Dos can have a 'due by' date (specified by the teacher) which you will be able to see in the 2Do menu. After the due by date has passed, your child will not be able to complete or hand in their work if they haven't already done so. Contact your child's teacher if they need an extension on the due date.



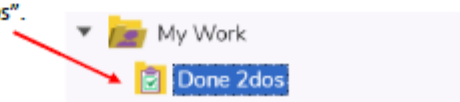
There are a variety of activity types in Purple Mash for children to complete. Many of them require children to create things like pictures, written work, posters or design games etc. If these activities are set as 2Do for your child, when they start it, they can stop at any point and return to the 2Do menu and complete another time using the 'continue work' button. Once they are happy they are finished with their work, they can 'hand in'. When they do this, they are prompted to leave their teacher a comment as to how well they got on. If they wish, they can record a voice message for their teacher to listen to, by selecting the red circle.



Some activities in Purple Mash have a **different hand-in procedure**. Quizzes, games and tests will automatically be handed in once completed. Their teacher is notified of this and can view scores and other relevant information about how well each child got on with the task. The examples below show the end of a spelling quiz and how it appears in the 2Do menu once it has been completed. It has an automatically generated hand-in comment and the child can open their work if they want to check what they have done.



Your child needn't worry about where to save their work when they complete a 2Do, it is stored in a temporary folder for their teacher to access, view and comment on work for the class collectively. When the teacher has finished checking all children's work, they will "close" the 2Do and each pupil's work gets sent to their Work folder, in a sub-folder named "Done 2Dos".



## Mini Mash – a parents guide

Mini Mash is a platform designed for learners aged 3-5, where children can learn through play. Mini Mash is set out just like an early learning setting, mirroring the areas of learning which your child may be familiar with. This includes an indoor and an outdoor area, which you can access by clicking on the purple door. All these different areas, as in a real-life setting, are linked to the key areas of learning and development in early years.



As you move around the space, you will hear the children naming the different areas of learning. Within each area, you will find lots of different resources which should support most of the common topics covered in early years.

### Areas inside:

**Reading and Writing** – By clicking on the teacher or the two children on the floor, your child will access activities to develop their reading and writing skills. They can create their own stories, practice their alphabet and sound recognition, and write words using their phonics skills.

**Numbers and counting** – By clicking on the boy with the blocks, you are taken to the maths area. Here, children can practice number recognition, record their counting on a variety of 2count picture graphs, and explore measuring.

**Games** – Clicking on the table, your child will find some different games linked to a range of early years topics.

**Simple City** – Clicking on the cityscape picture on the wall takes you to Simple City. Simple City allows your child to explore, discuss and ask questions about different areas in the community. Areas in Simple City include the vets, the garden centre, the zoo, the farm and many others.

**Paint projects** – Hanging from the ceiling you will see a variety of paintings which when clicked, take you to different paint projects where your child can experiment with coloured and textured pens. There is also the option for them to mark-make or write words if they wish to.

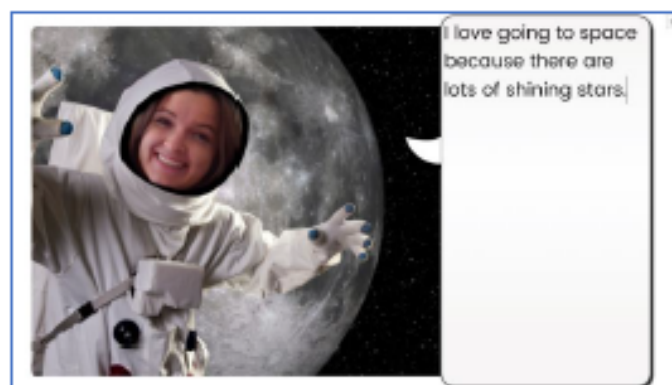


#### Areas outside:

**Music** – In the music area, children can practice their expressive art skills using 2Beat and 2Explore. They can produce and record their own music sequences, exploring beat and rhythm with a wide variety of different sounds.

**Drawing and painting** – In this area, there are a wealth of different paint projects which your child can explore and experiment with independently.

**Roleplay** – The ‘Mashcams’ here allow children to take a picture of themselves and imagine themselves as a variety of different characters. This can be an excellent exercise for children to develop their communication, imagination and self-confidence. Children can draw, record their voice, mark-make using the pens or type their own words about what their character might be feeling or saying.



The children can also click on other objects both inside and outside to cause simple sounds and animations, such as the sun in the window, or the aeroplane in the sky. When the clock is clicked, it becomes larger so children can begin to learn how to tell the time.

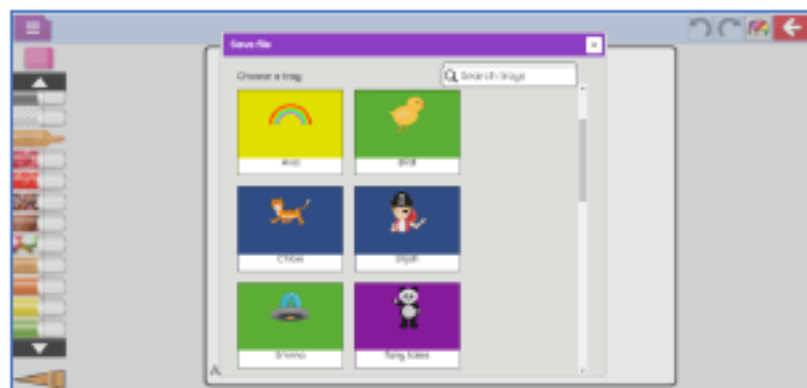
#### Topic Pins:

Your child’s teacher can set topic pins which contain activities linked to the topics relevant to your child’s learning. In the pictures, you will see the topic pin, ‘All about Me’. When you click on this pin, you will see a range of resources linked to the topic for your child to explore. Other topic pins include Fairy Tales, Minibeasts, Pirates and Space.



Saving your child's work:

Any work that your child does on Mini Mash, excluding Simple City, can be saved. If you click on the purple icon at the top left of the screen or the red arrow on the top right, you will be given the option to 'Save'. Clicking here, you will see the pupil's trays. When your child is familiar with which tray is theirs, they will be able to save their work there independently.



At any point, a child may look through their saved work by clicking on the trays in the main room, which will take them to their own tray.

