

Dear parents,

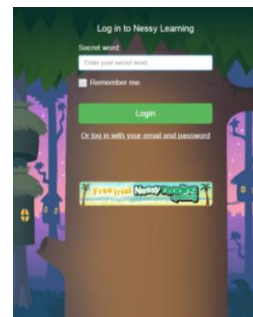
We have been fortunate enough to gain access for the entire school to an online learning programme called Nessy. We have free access for two months (currently) to both the reading and spelling, and the writing elements of the programme. If your child already takes part in Nessy Reading and Spelling, you can read the part of this letter which explains how Writing Beach works.

Nessy is a series of multi-sensory, tiered games which build on your child's existing knowledge and supports them in learning new Literacy skills.

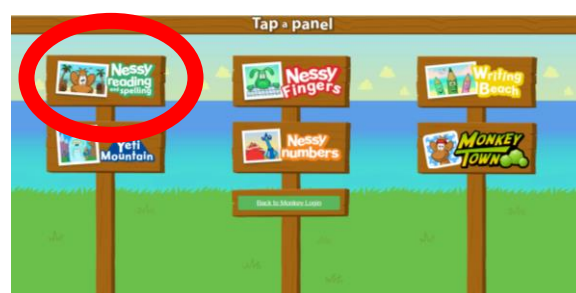
To access Nessy at home, follow these instructions:

Go to [www.nessy.com](http://www.nessy.com) and click on Login in the top right hand corner so that you are on this screen. →

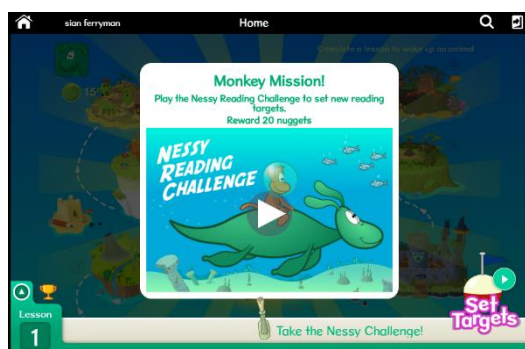
Then enter the secret word 'grandfood' (no spaces or capital letters) and click Login.



Type your child's first name in to the box to find your child's 'monkey'. When you press enter, your child's first name and the first initial of their surname will appear next to a picture of a monkey. Click on that, and then click on Nessy Reading and Spelling. Please ensure that you do not click on another child's name as this will affect their targets. Your child must play their own game.



Nessy Reading and Spelling starts by assessing what your child already knows and sets them new targets.



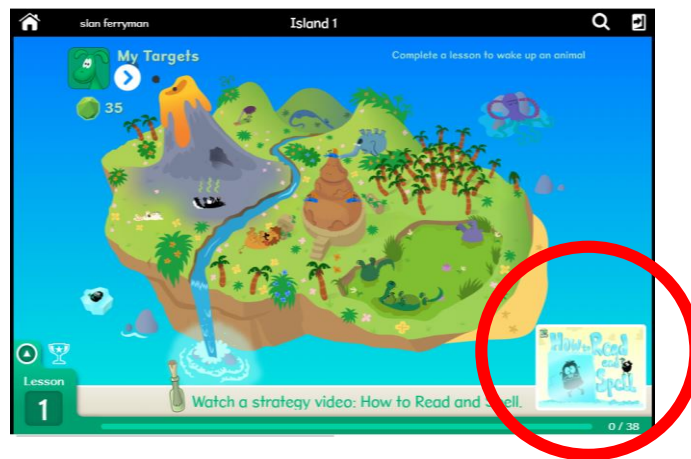
Your child will play this game first...



And then get this screen which will show what their targets are, based on what they got wrong on the Reading challenge. New targets will be set once these ones are achieved.

The target setting part of the programme must be done without help so that the games are relevant to your child's own skills. Your child will then move

through the game, watching teaching clips and playing games which teach them new spellings and patterns. The task that your child needs to do next will always be in the bottom right hand corner of the screen, like this:



We have had lots of success with Nessy Reading and Spelling in the past year and so I am really pleased that everybody will now have access to it, I hope your children really enjoy playing the games on there and that it helps to boost their reading and spelling skills whilst they are not in school.

As I previously mentioned, we now also have access to Writing Beach. This programme focuses on writing skills such as capital letters, full stops, conjunctions and sentence structure. It is aimed at children aged 7 and up but if you have a child in Key Stage One then there is no harm in trying it out together! You log in to it in exactly the same way as Reading and Spelling, just click on Writing Beach on this screen.



If you have any problems whilst using Nessy then please email me at [sferryman@holy-family.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:sferryman@holy-family.surrey.sch.uk) rather than your class teacher.

Enjoy playing!

Kind regards,

Mrs Ferryman