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Dear Year R Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to inform you about an online learning platform called NumBots that children in Year 1 and 2 have been using since September. This week the children in Year R have all been given their own logins.

This program helps support your child's understanding of number bonds and to help their addition and subtraction skills. These are the essential building blocks for higher-level maths concepts, so we are excited by the impact that NumBots will have on your child's learning.

A brief introduction video is available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24sqqVgwbOg>

Little and often

NumBots is going to replace the maths homework that was previously set. In order to get the best out of NumBots, we recommend that children play regularly for short bursts at a time, aiming for 3/5 minutes, 4 times a week.

Logging In

The children have been shown how to log in. **They have brought home a username label containing their unique login details. This is stuck inside their reading diary.** NumBots can be played on a browser (play.numbots.com) or via the app, which is free to download on Amazon, Android and Apple devices. Children may need help entering the details, but once they're in they will be able to play the game on their own.

NumBots is split into two modes and every child is encouraged to start at the beginning even though some will find initial levels easy and progress through them quickly.

Game Types

1. *Story Mode* – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, representations and question styles.
2. *Challenge Mode* – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Important: Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for your child, as the programme progresses at the pace of each child. Do feel free to support your child if they're stuck and give them encouragement to keep trying even if it takes a number of times to complete a level.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments or if you have any problems logging in.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Paula Young
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