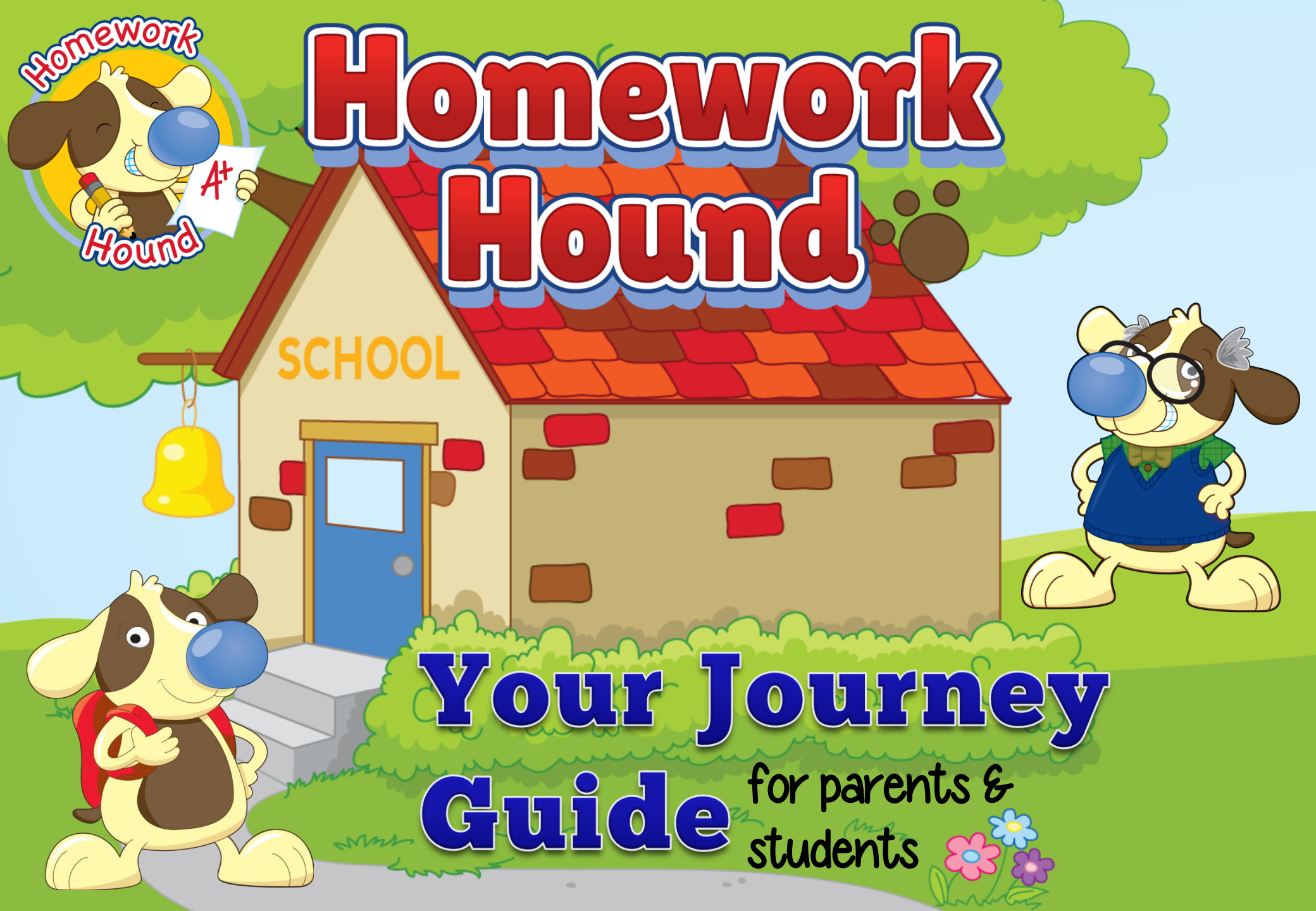
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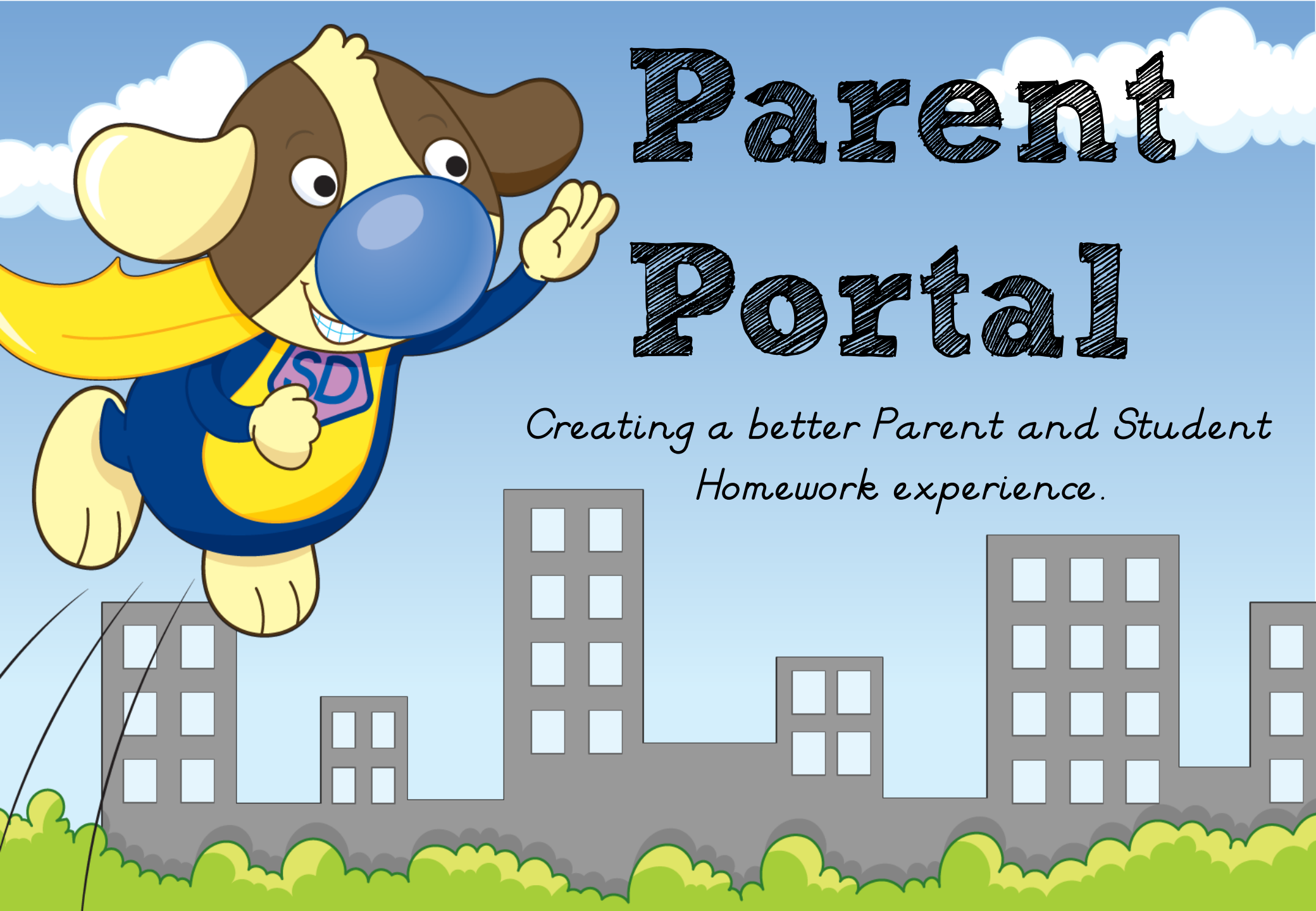
Parent
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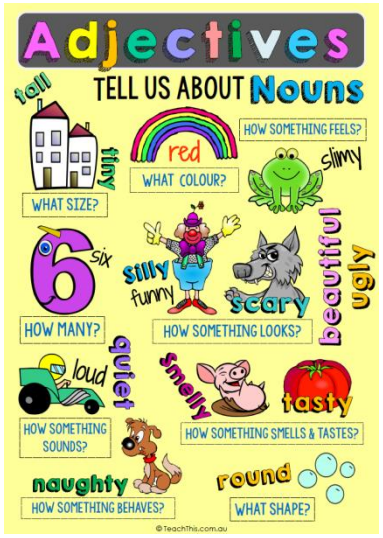
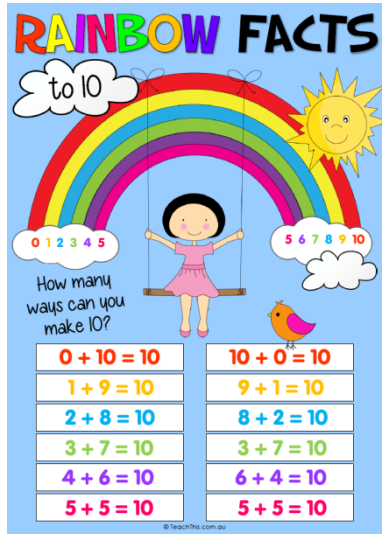
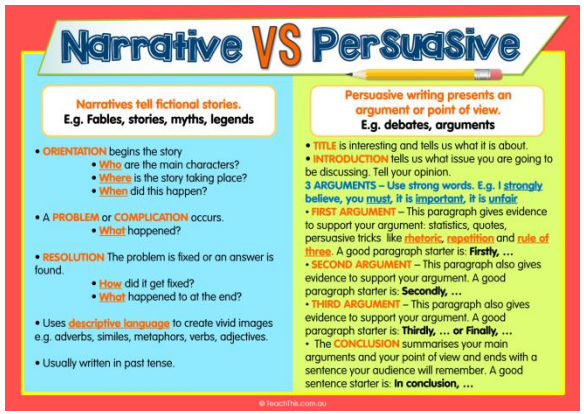
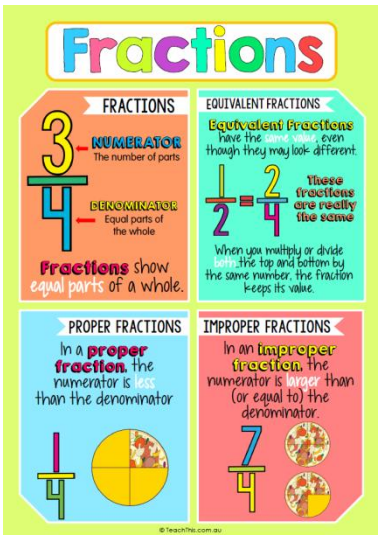
Parents are provided with a selection of free resources available to download to support learners at home. They can access these resources when they log into the Homework Hound Parent Portal.

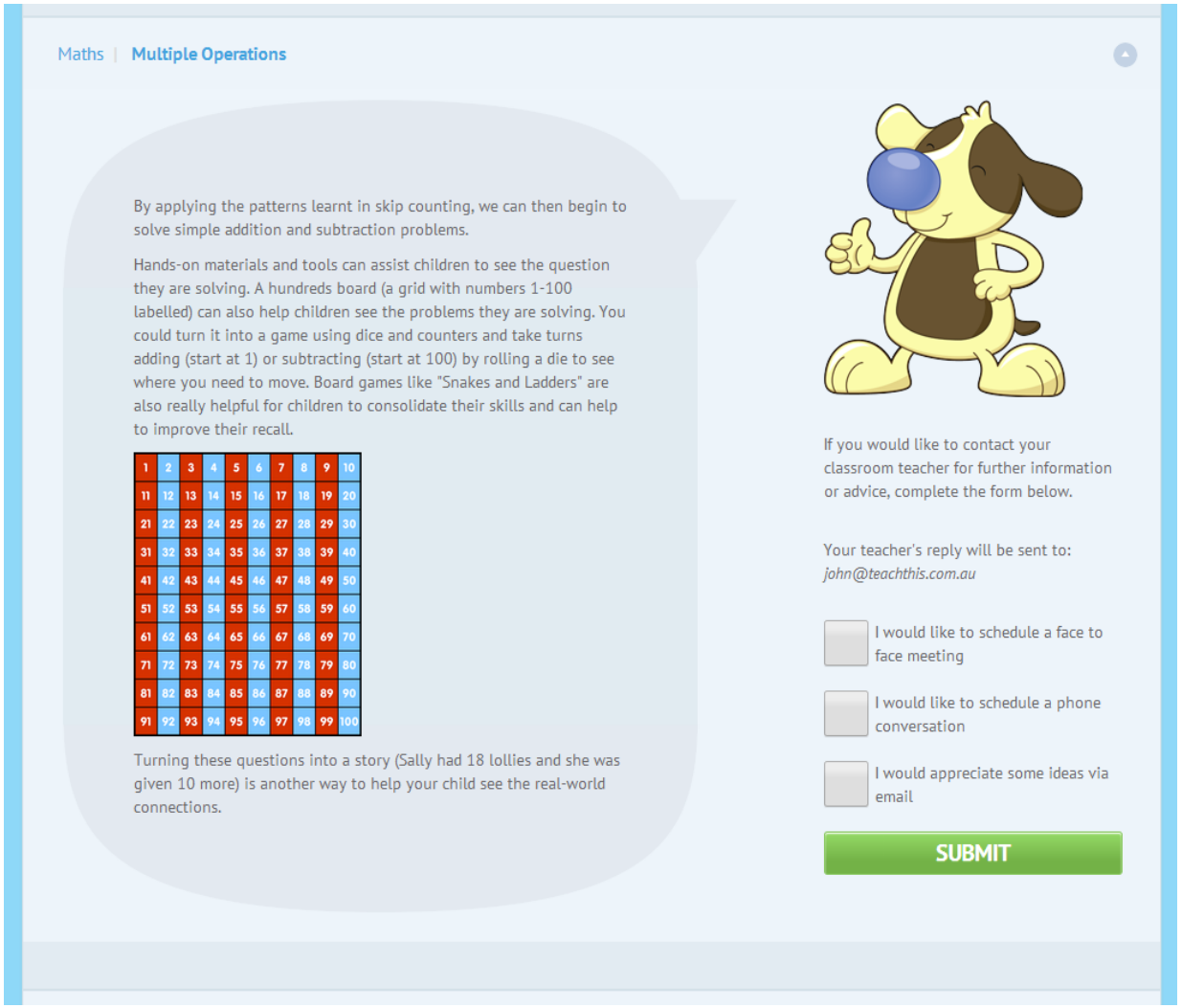








Parent reports are detailed and designed to allow parents to see not only what challenges their learner is experiencing but specifically how they can help their learner at home. Parents are encouraged to connect with teachers via messaging if they would like further information on ways they can assist their learner to overcome these challenges.



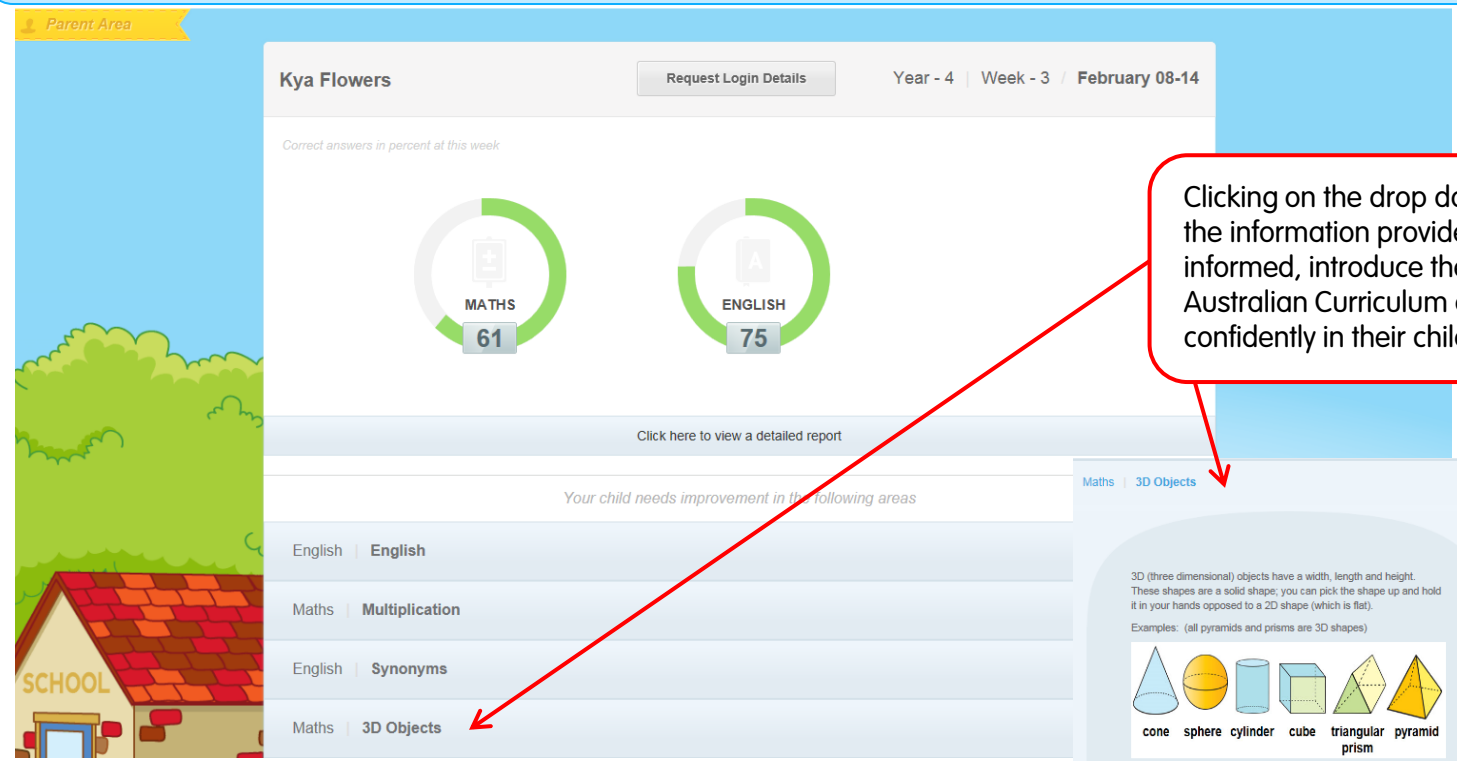
When student results fall below 85% in any section of homework, parents are provided with information explaining the skill covered in that section and they are provided with information on how they can help their learner to master this skill.

You can also choose for parents to have access to any worksheets allocated to their learner so they can print them at home.

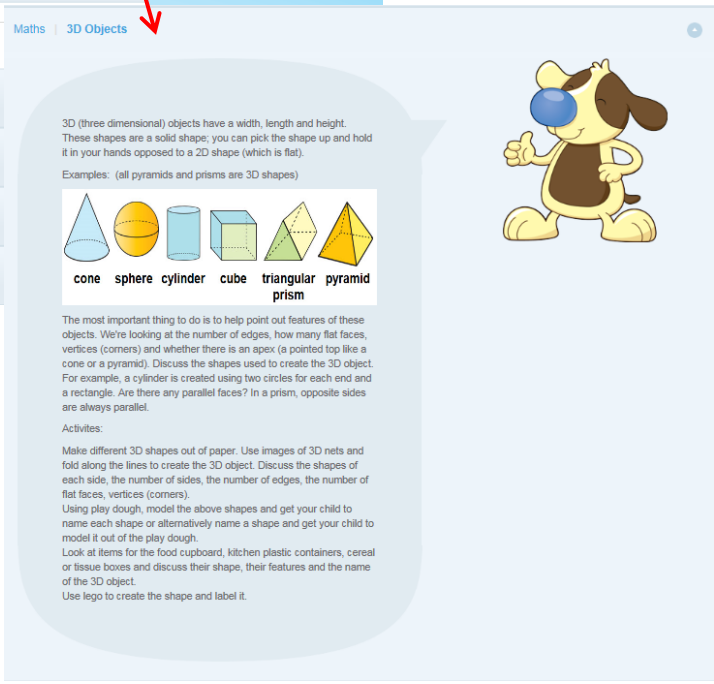
Parents can contact teachers for additional assistance by selecting whether they would prefer email, telephone face to face assistance.

You can elect to turn off this feature in your settings if preferred.

Weekly emails to parents will link to this report. It provides a brief overview of results along with any allocated parent tips based on student performance. Parents can log into their account to receive further details on their child's progress and results for the year, term or week.



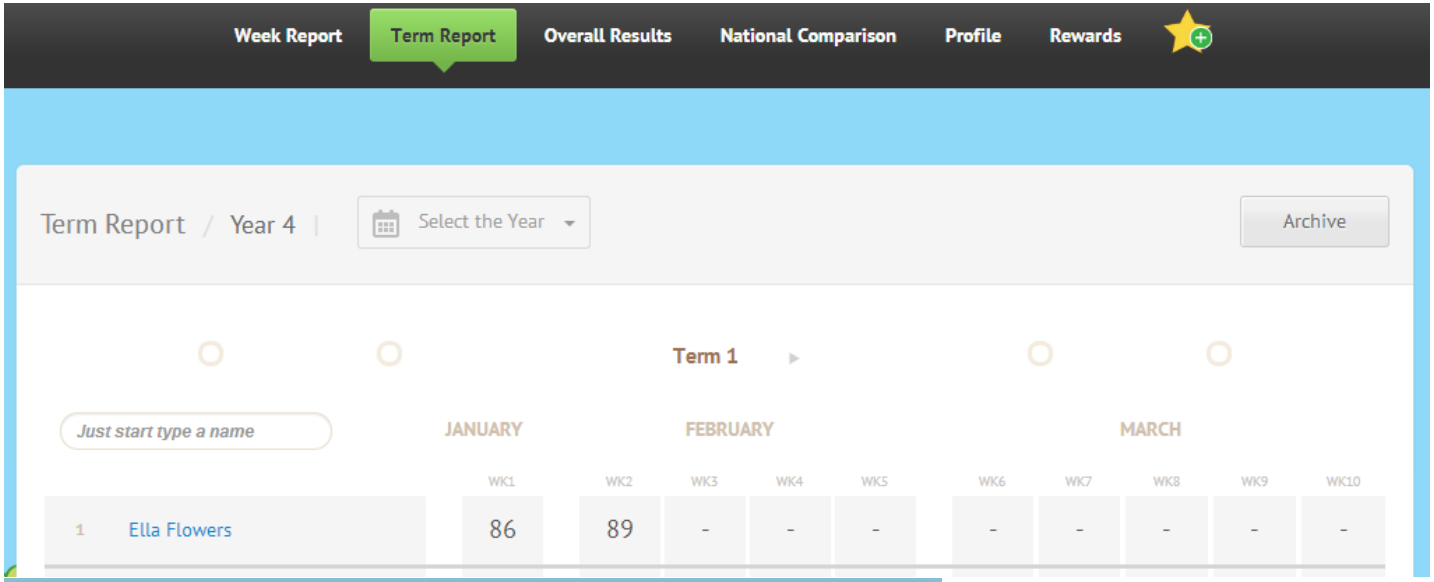
Clicking on the drop down menus will provide access to the information provided for parents to keep them fully informed, introduce them to the vocabulary used in the Australian Curriculum and allow them to participate more confidently in their child's learning.



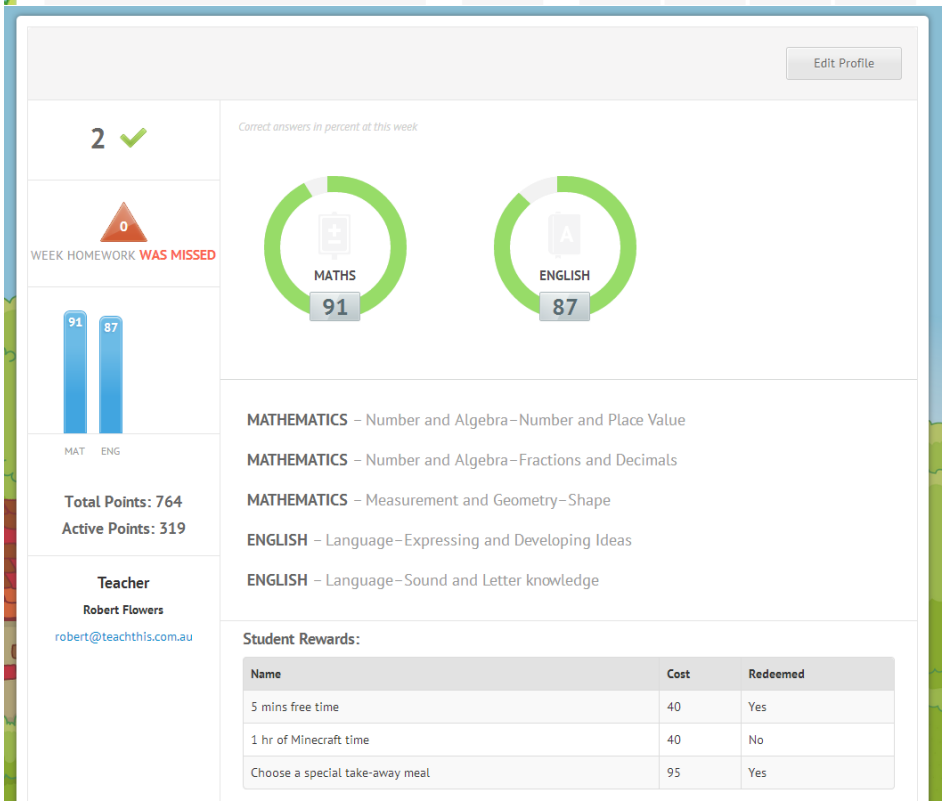
Parents will land on the page above when they click the link emailed to them as their child's report each week.

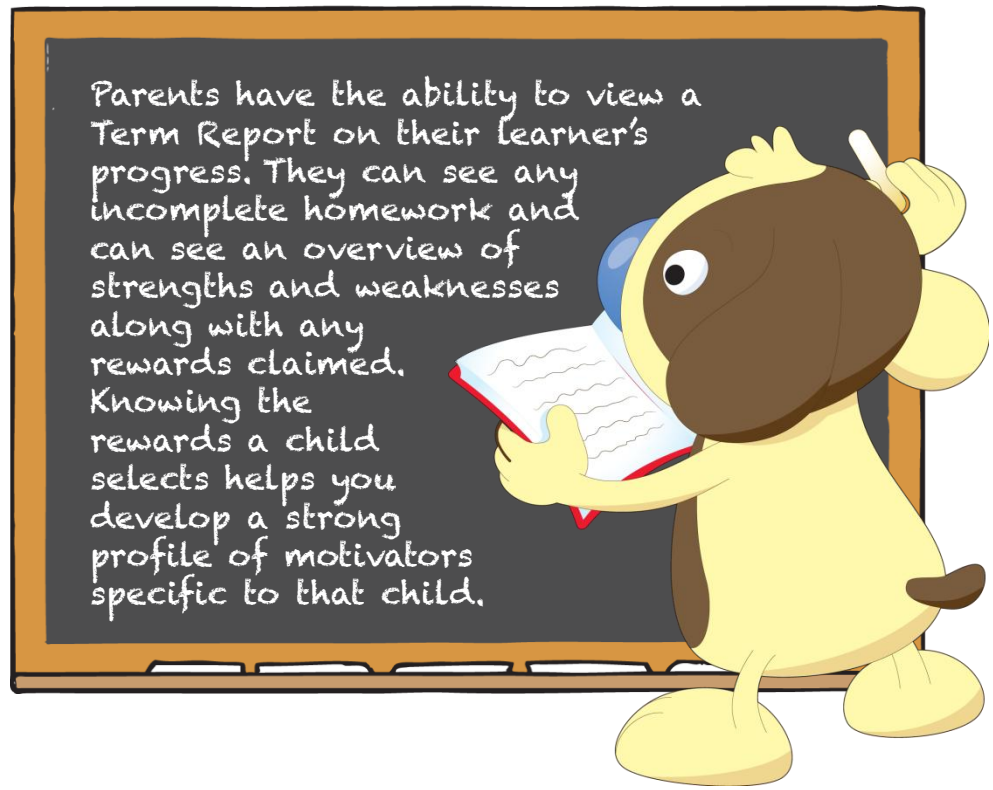
It will outline the results in each subject area and provide a drop down menu with additional hints and tips written by primary teachers to empower parents to help their child at home. Parents will be provided these tips only for those topics in which their student received less than 85%.

Parents can log into their account to receive further details on their child's results including the ability to view their child's answers throughout the diagnostic testing.



Homework Hound keeps parents fully informed and encourages a show of connectedness between school and home that has traditionally been ignored. Students need to know that parents and teachers are on the same team working to ensure their educational outcomes are met in a positive and supportive environment. Homework Hound supports all students regardless of academic ability and aims to highlight and promote individual student strengths and celebrate improvements. Personal challenges are highlighted so students know specifically where they need development and how to achieve their goals.

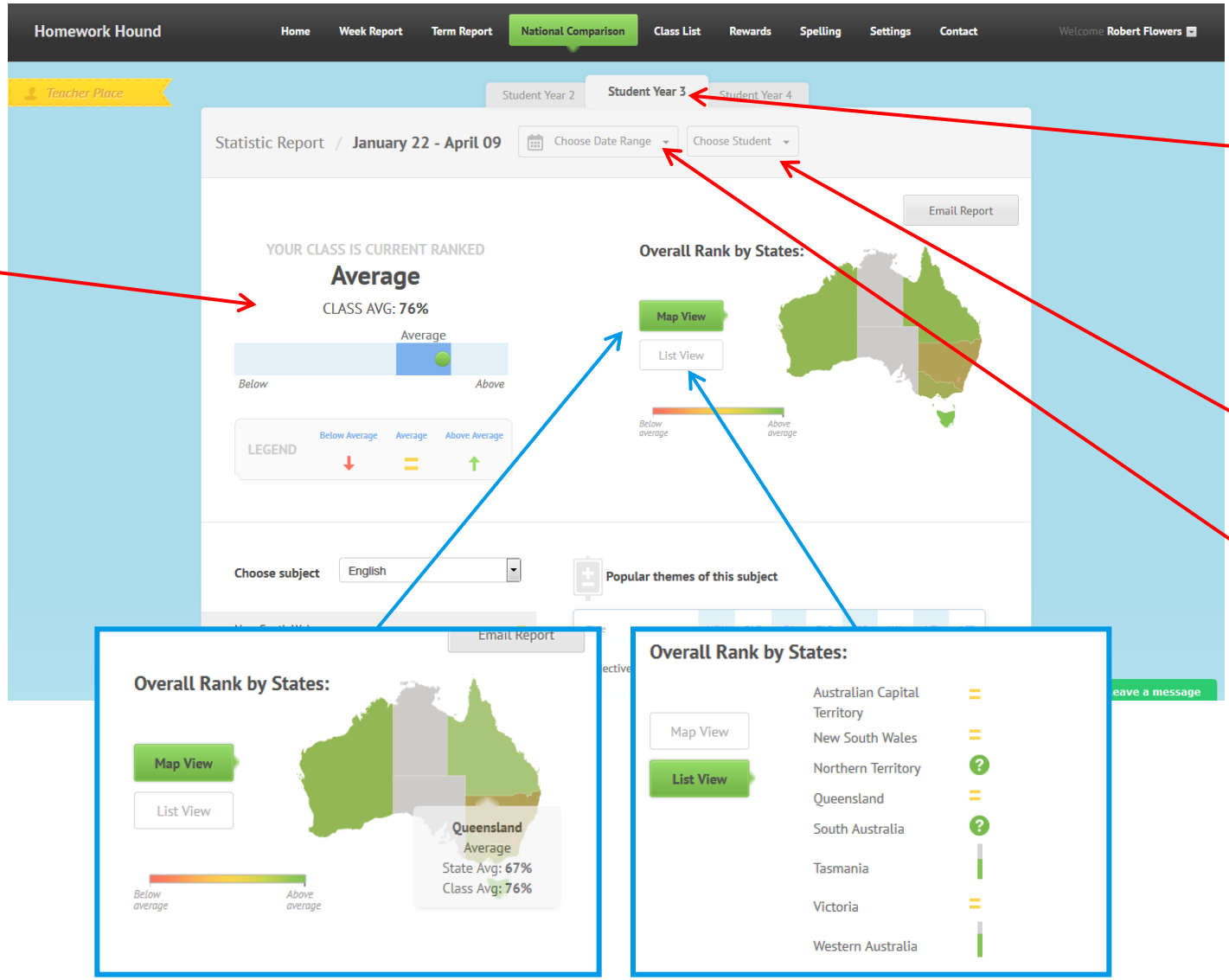




The National Comparison is a powerful tool that provides a weekly benchmark of students around the country. You can easily see how your class results compare to other Australian States and Territories. It is designed to give you additional insight and provide you with ample time to remedy any problems you see well before NAPLAN testing occurs.

Your child's average will be displayed along with a graph displaying the National Comparison.

NOTE: Parents can access National Comparison data on your child only. Parents can not compare against other individual students or the rest of the class.

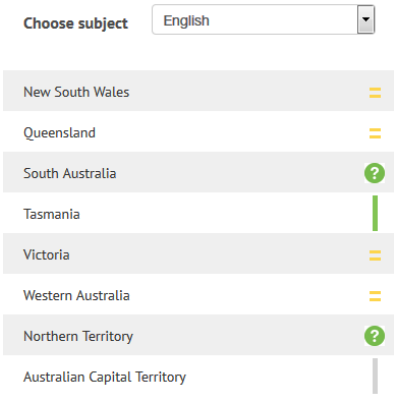


If you have learners across different grades, select the grade for which you'd like to view National Comparison Data. In this example, Year 3 has been selected.

Select your child's name from the drop down list.

You can select a date range or view the default term setting.

The National Comparison allows you to dig deep and discover in exactly what parts of the curriculum your learner excel along with those areas that cause the greatest challenge. Homework Hound makes it easy to reveal these areas on a weekly basis and aim to improve throughout the year. With outcomes tested every 3 weeks, you can work on areas of challenge to compare progress against National Data regularly.



You can view National Comparison data by student from the drop down menu.

Results broken down into subject and outcome or section are displayed in this way providing details of data compared to each state or territory.

Hovering over a bar displays the class and state average as shown in the screenshot below.

Red bars indicate that your student's performance is below average. For example, this student's results in Adverbs were on average with NSW, QLD, SA and VIC but were below the WA average.

Contractions were below the NSW, QLD, VIC and WA average but equal to SA.

Spelling results were the poorest. The lower the red bar, the poorer the results.

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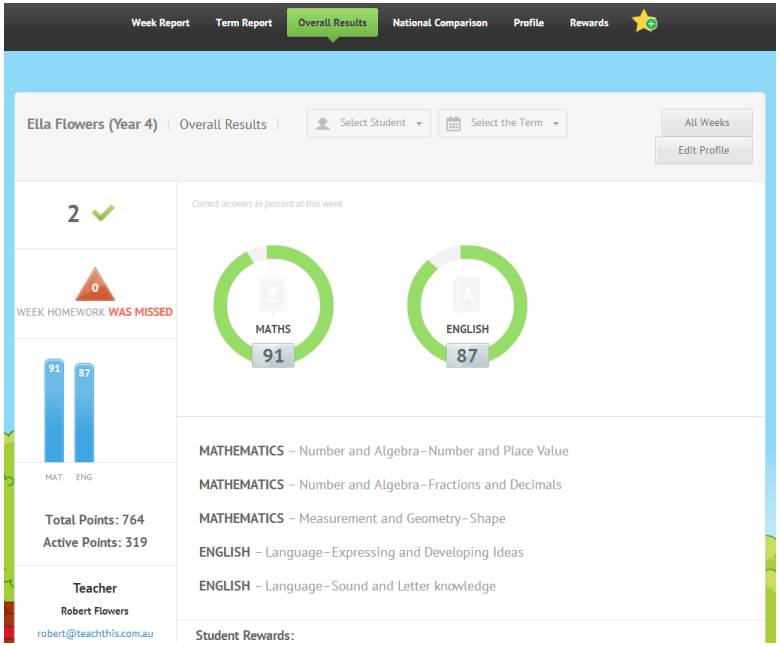
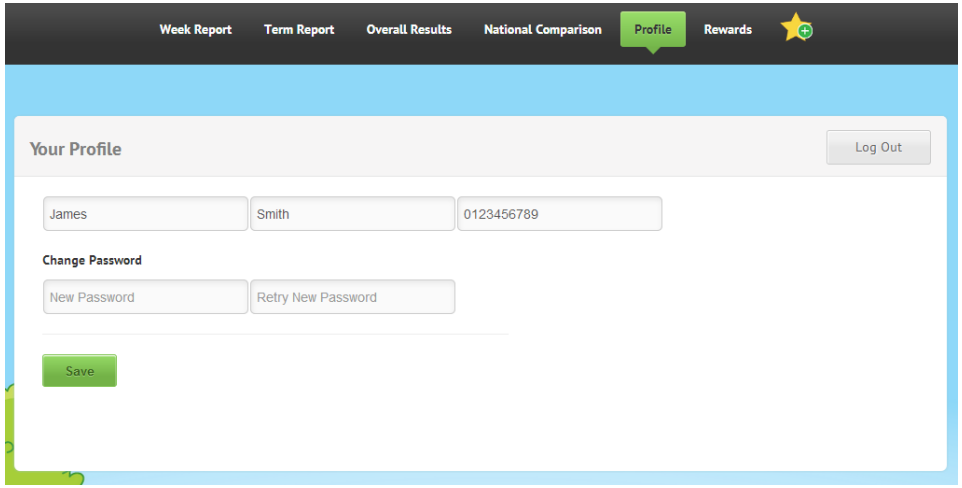
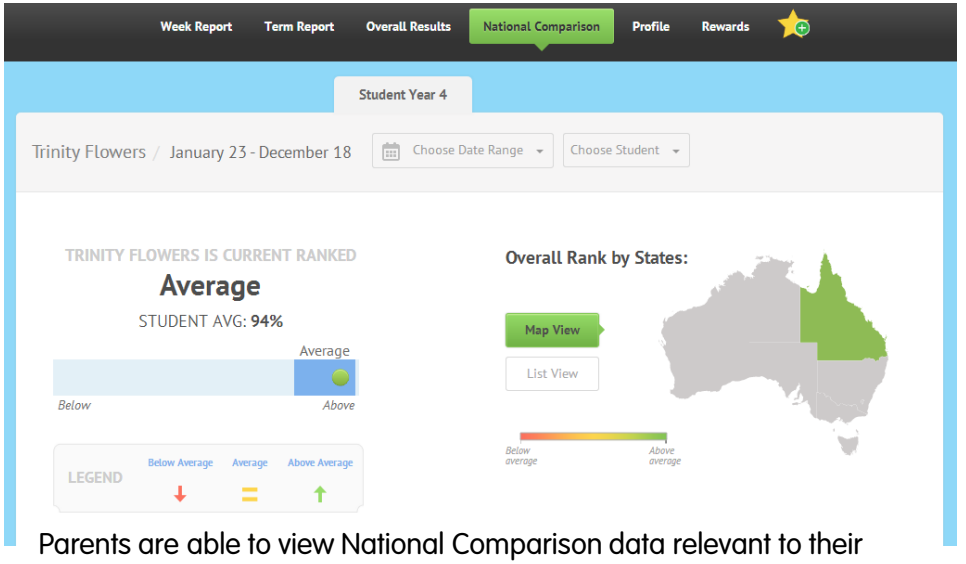


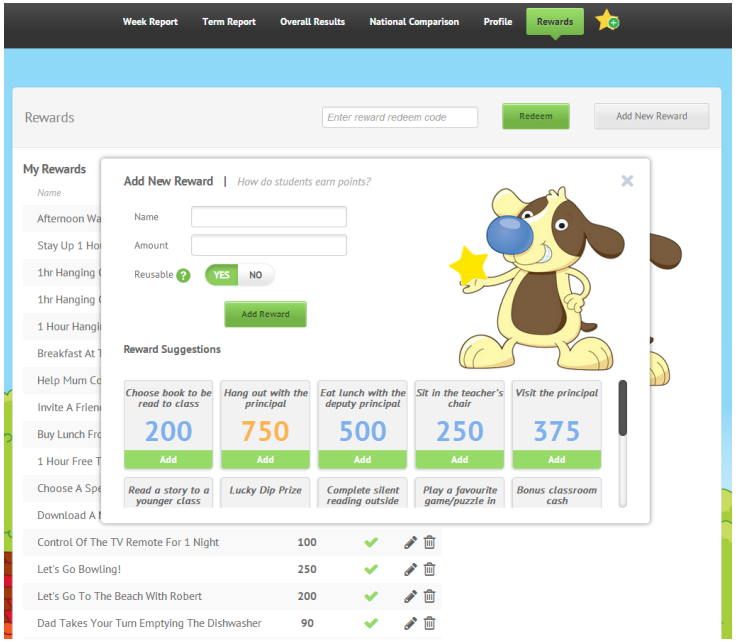
Parents can view an overall summary of their learner's performance across each school Term.



Parents can change their password within their profile settings at any time. Ensuring personal details are up to date is important for teachers to be able to contact parents with ease.



Parents are able to view National Comparison data relevant to their learner.



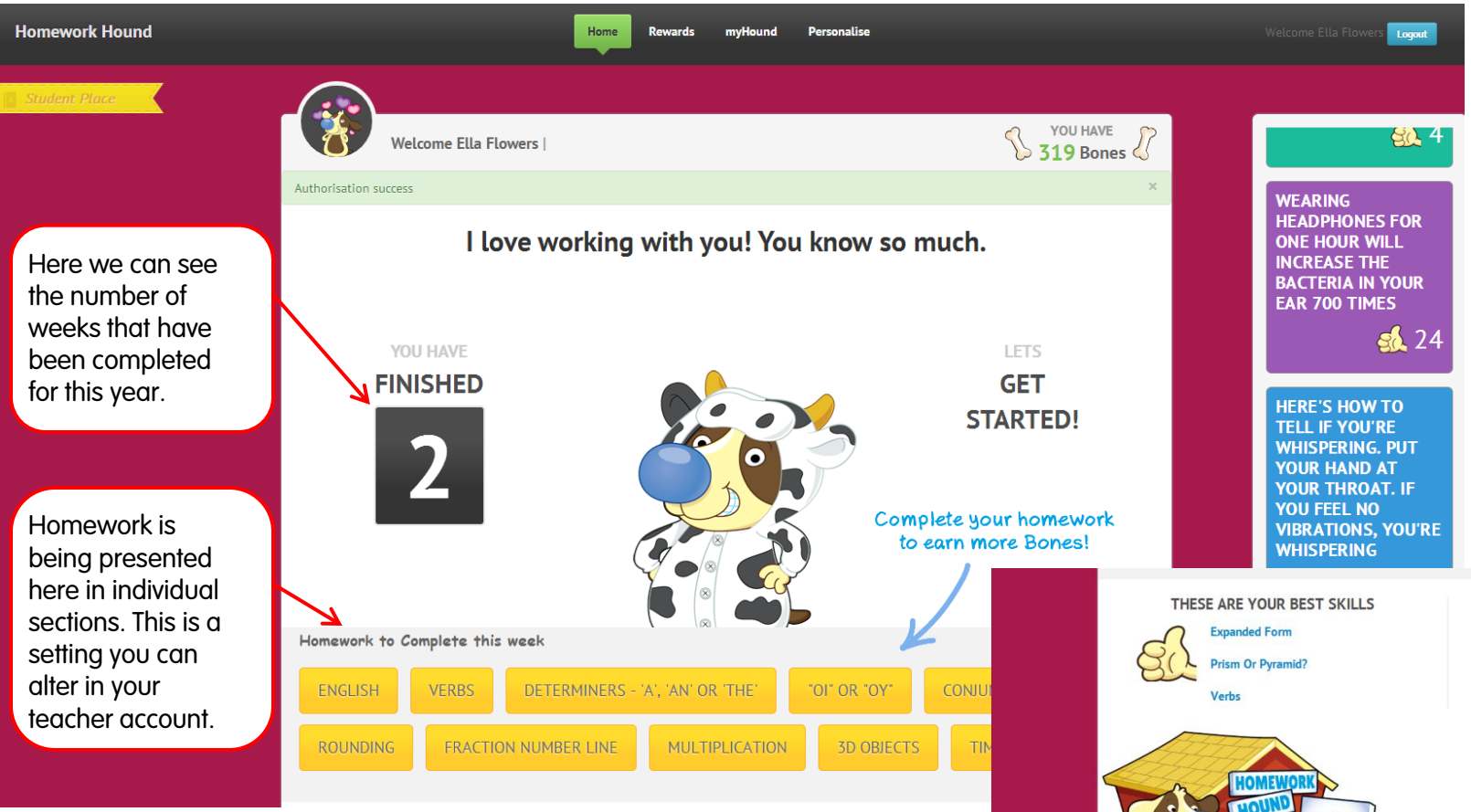
Parents can add their own rewards for their child to work towards. We recommend simple, free reward options and have a list of 50 ideas to help parents. Teachers and parents working together creates a strong picture of connectedness for students.

Student Portal

Celebrate strengths of all students.

Identify challenges and enjoy the journey.

Students are presented with a colourful and engaging Student Portal that allows them to customise their surroundings, interact and make the area their own.

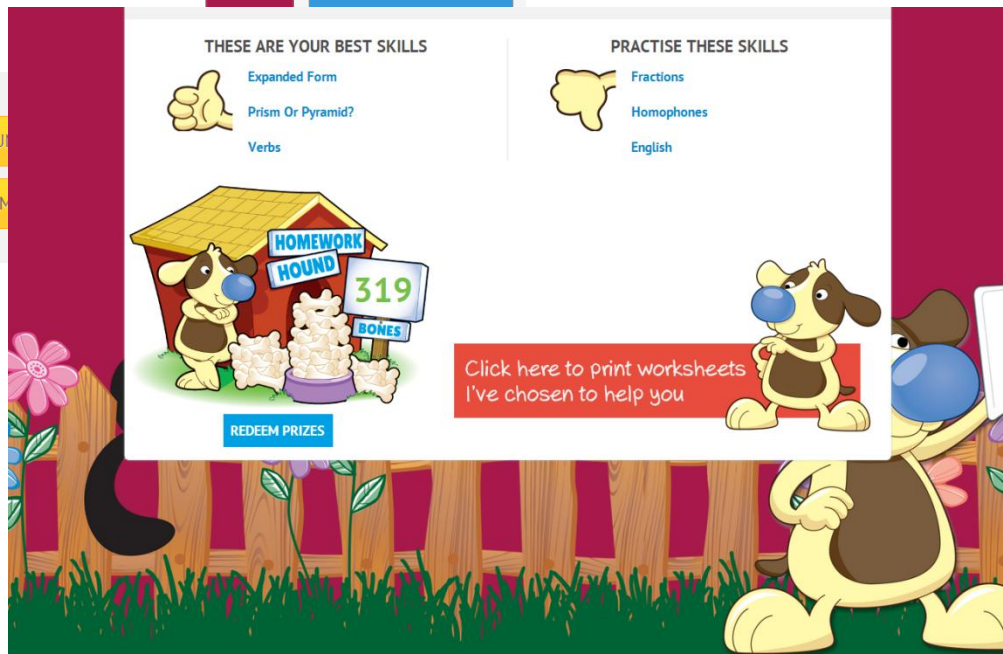


Here we can see the number of weeks that have been completed for this year.

Homework is being presented here in individual sections. This is a setting you can alter in your teacher account.

Students will be greeted with a different one of their favourite hounds each time they log in. Every time they will receive a welcome message and will be able to see each section still to be completed in their homework.

On the right hand column, a list of fun facts scroll down for students to like. We welcome students or teachers to send us any fun facts they'd like added to the list that may support current classroom work.

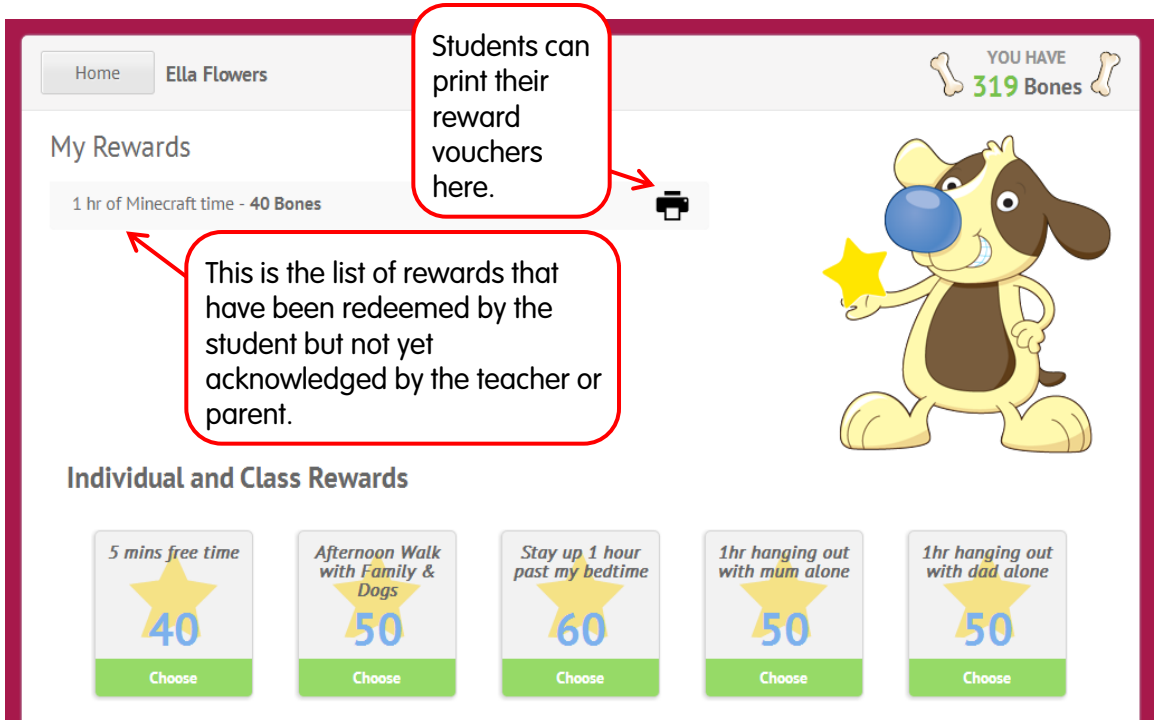


Students are shown their own areas of strength and challenge. Homework Hound doesn't allow students to compare themselves to others in their class. It simply allows them to see information about themselves and encourages self improvement.

On the bottom of their homepage, they can see a points total and redeem rewards.

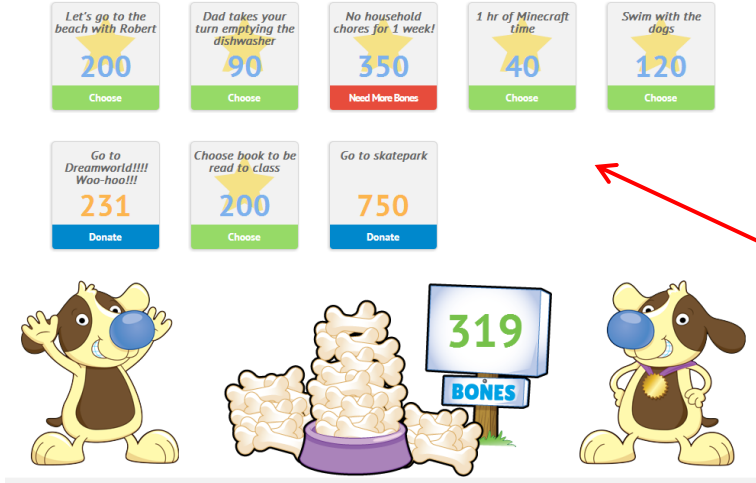
They can also print any worksheets allocated to them.

Rewards are a big component of the Student Portal and you will find it is an area that is particularly motivating for students. We found that this area also encourages students to want to save.



Students can print their reward vouchers here.

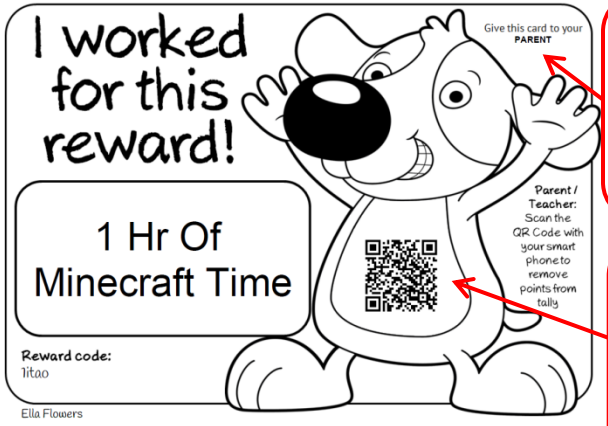
This is the list of rewards that have been redeemed by the student but not yet acknowledged by the teacher or parent.



Whole class rewards appear in BLUE and prompt students to donate towards the class reward.

Rewards for which the student has not yet collected enough points appear in RED.

Reward the student has enough points to claim now appear in GREEN.



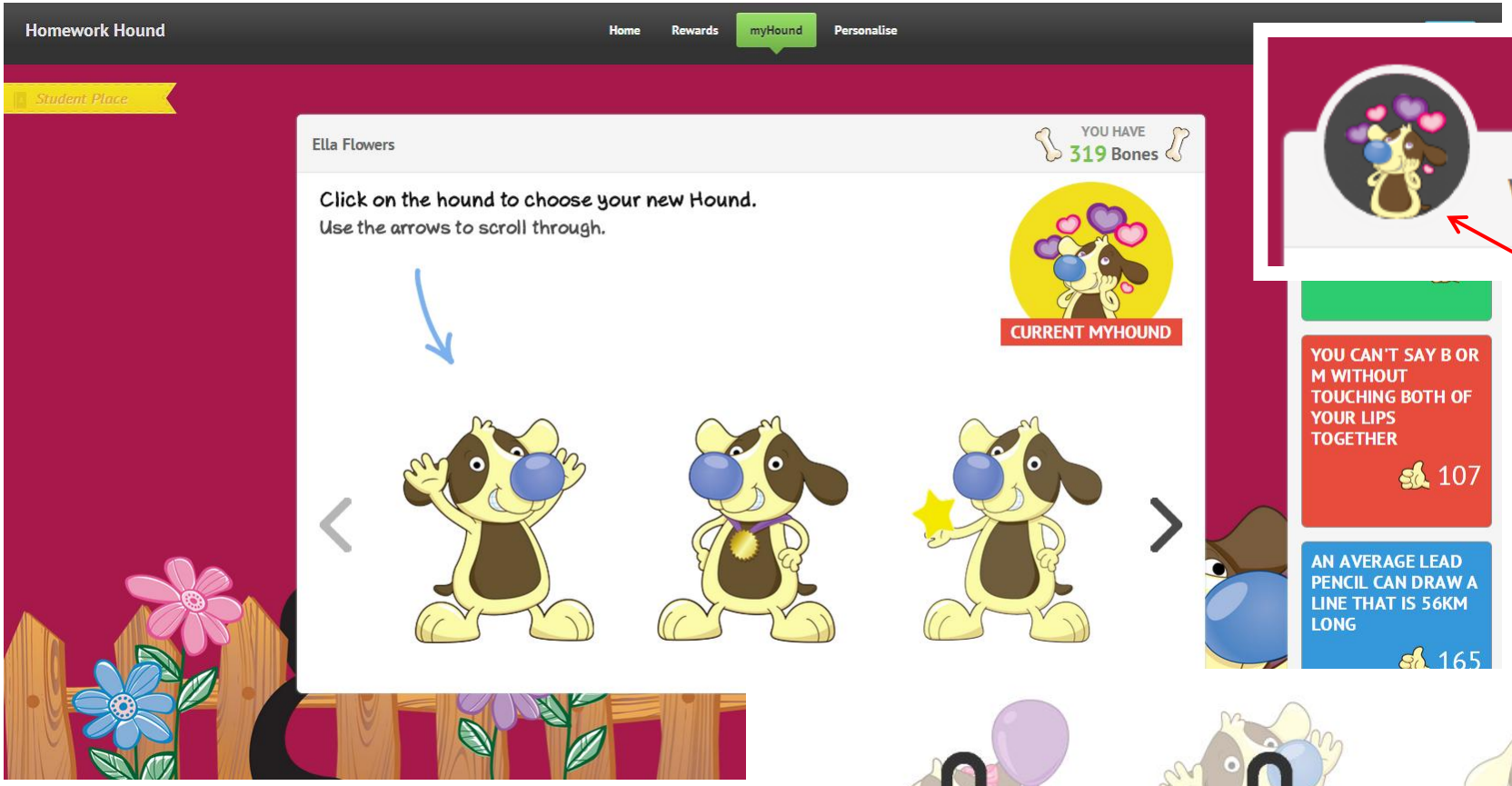
Students will be directed to hand the reward to their parent or teacher

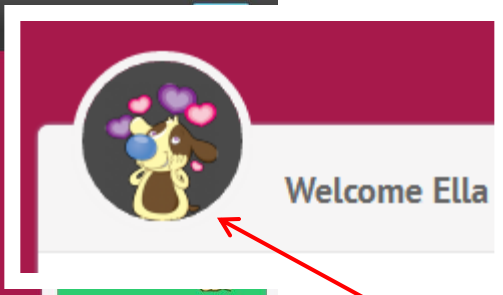
Teachers and parents can scan the QR code to remove points from the student's account.

When a student redeems a reward, they will be able to print the reward. Teachers and parents can simply scan the QR code on the Hound's body and this will automatically remove the points from the student's account. You can also log into your teacher account to remove the points. If you have not used QR Codes before, it's super easy! Download a free QR Code Reader on your smart phone. Take a photo of the QR code using the app and that's it! Simple!

In 2014, we found that students would spend all their points for the first few weeks and then they would gradually begin to develop an understanding of the benefits of saving. This prompts a fantastic class discussion or persuasive writing task on the benefits of saving.

Students can select avatars to represent them throughout the student portal of Homework Hound. We welcome student requests for additional Hounds.



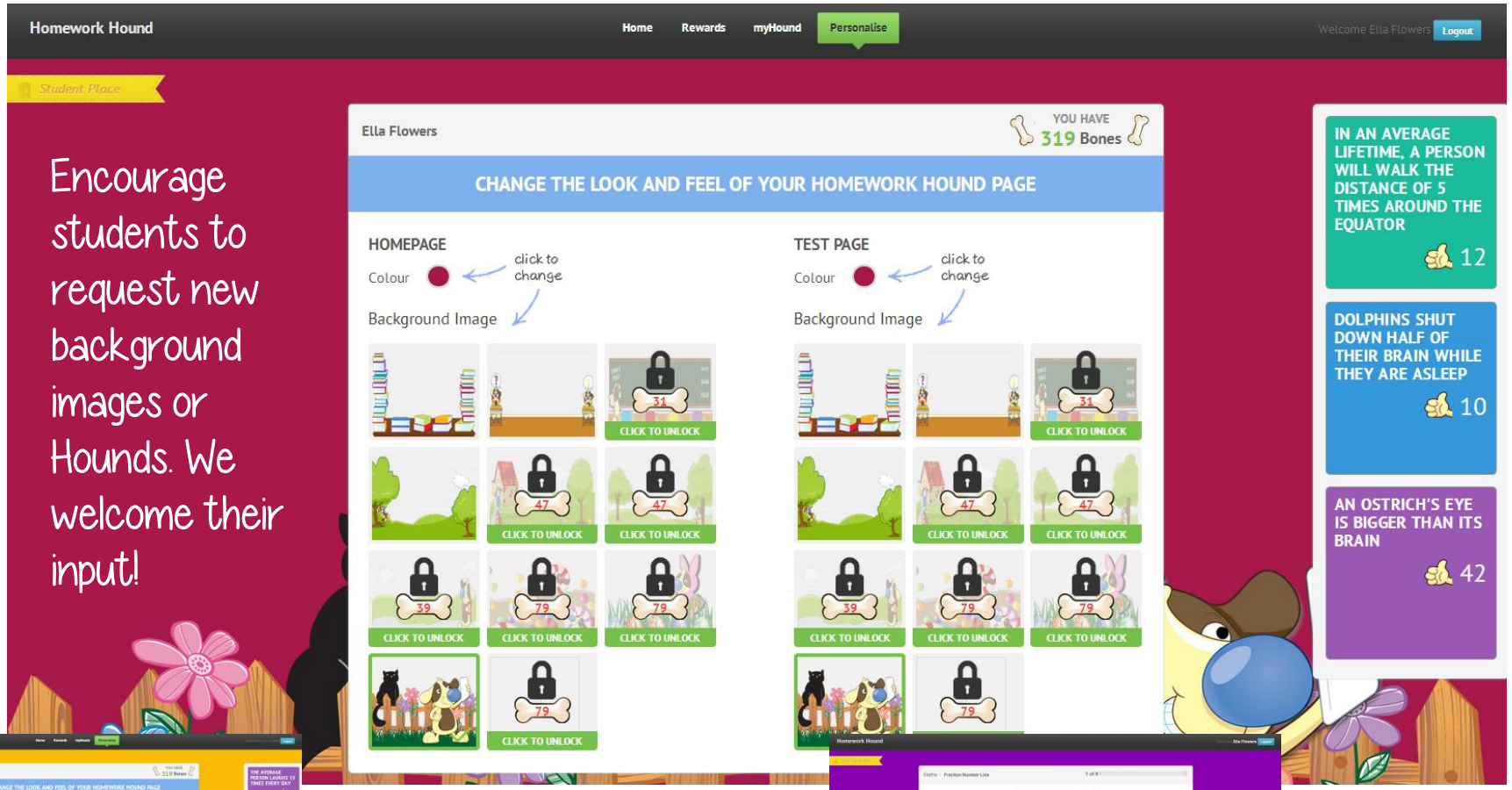


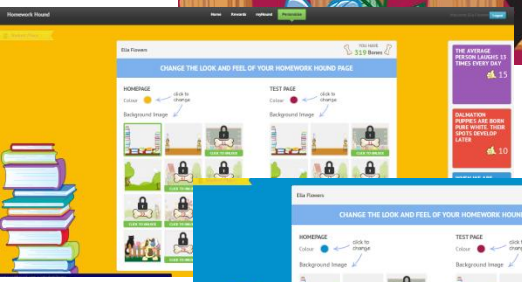
The current avatar also appears on the homepage to welcome students when they log in.

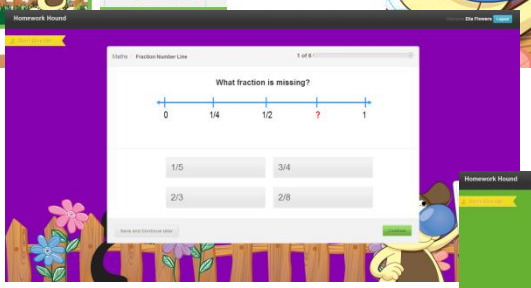
The myHound page is where students can select their Homework Hound avatar.

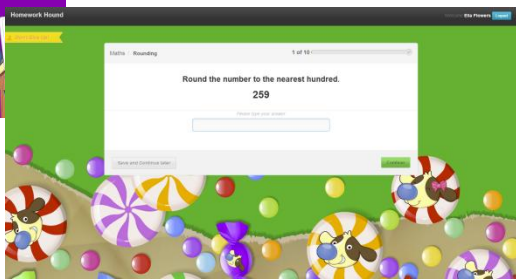
There is a selection of free avatars and those which require students to trade bones.

Students are encouraged to personalise their backgrounds by changing colours and unlocking new images to make the Homework Hound experience their own.



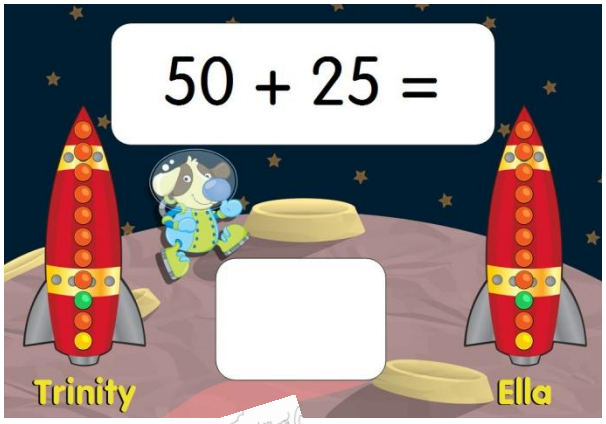


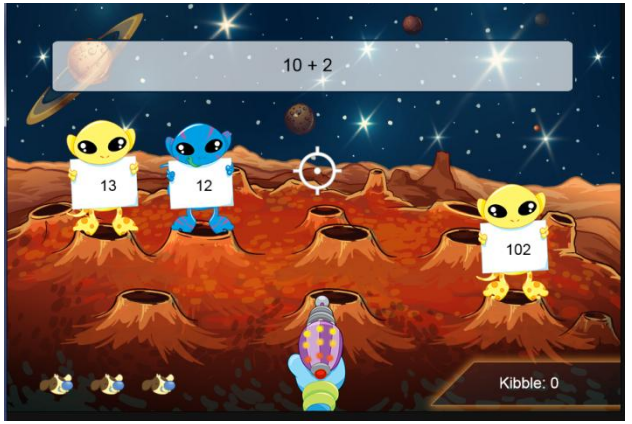


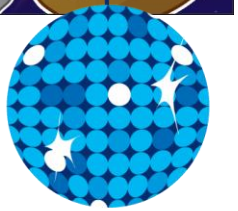


We continually add new backgrounds to keep students engaged. We add at least one new background each month, often more.

Students will be able to access interactive games after Week 6 of using Homework Hound. We settle them into the routine before opening up the games which allow them to collect even more bones to trade. Students collect pieces of kibble for each correct answer in a game. 10 pieces of kibble = 1 bone to add to their rewards tally.







At this point, students will also be able to spend time in the music room listening to some funky new tunes, participate in competitions and display their artistic talents. We have a lot of fun activities lined up for students to enjoy!