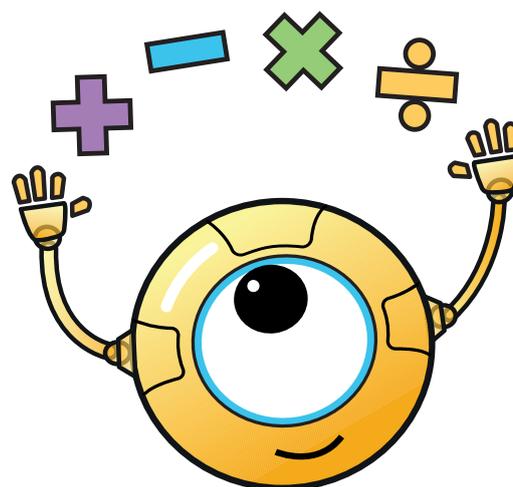


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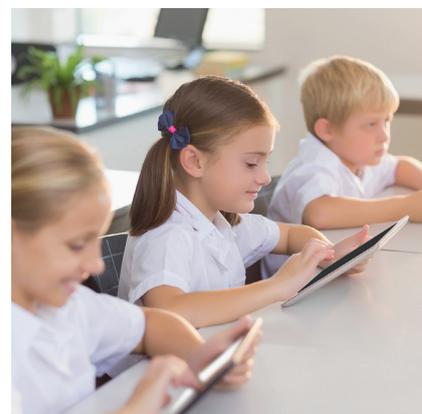
# Maths Flex

A new online practice platform for KS2 pupils that combines a mastery approach to maths with AI-powered individuality



## AT A GLANCE

- Provides pupil-friendly online maths practise
- Uses the White Rose Maths\* small steps
- Creates individually tailored practice paths for pupils
- Offers powerful assessment and management tools for teachers
- Part of Pearson's ActiveLearn platform



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One of the main takeaways from the Coronavirus lockdown was that everyone agrees children should be at school. Nevertheless, it seems that creators of educational resources have been busily focusing on the question of how we will manage if it all happens again – or whether the face of education is going to change anyway.

A good example of this is Maths Flex from Pearson – a new addition to its digital learning space, ActiveLearn. Aimed at KS2 pupils, it uses a mastery approach and White Rose Maths\* small steps to help children practise maths in small steps. The eye-catching factor is the way it uses AI to adapt to each pupil's strengths and weaknesses to provide a highly personalised practice path. As a result, it's a powerful tool with which to support learning, whether it's a supplement to normal classroom teaching or as a way of helping to recover ground lost due to home-schooling.

From a pupil's point of view, it looks friendly, familiar and accessible. It's also pretty easy to use. All children have to do is log in, click on 'My stuff' and they're away. Illustrations have been chosen to closely represent real-life objects or the many various physical resources that you will find in a

typical classroom. Questions give instant feedback with encouraging messages and there are options to retry if necessary or gain rewards for good performance. There are also video coaching sessions to recap specific topics.

From a teacher's perspective, it offers convenience and a wealth of information. From the teacher's dashboard, you can instantly see who has done what and how they performed. It tells you who needs help, stretching, praise or more effort. It even tells you how long they've spent studying, down to the second.

For a platform that offers so much, it's impressively user-friendly. Much of it is fairly intuitive to anyone who has been anywhere near a computer within the last ten years but, in case you're flummoxed, there are a range of videos to guide you through specific processes such as setting up a class on the system. My only suggestion would be that Pearson re-records some of the commentary for clarity (although subtitles are provided). Overall, it's slick, impressive and has the potential to be very useful, no matter what the fates throw at education in the future.

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## VERDICT

- ✓ Plenty of pupil appeal
- ✓ Very informative for teachers
- ✓ Fairly simple to set up
- ✓ Well supported with help videos

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