

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope this letter finds you well and that you are all managing to stay safe. We know that this is a very stressful and worrying time for both you and your children so we would like to make this as simple and helpful as possible.

The EYFS team have come up with a way for you to access your child's learning online. We will be using Mini Mash. We have attached a timetable that roughly shows the timings of our school day. If you would like to use this to help structure your day, then please use it. Also attached are times for you to log into Zoom which will stay the same every week as well as instructions on how to log in and use Mini Mash, including how to save their learning into their own tray. It is a great way for children to take control of their learning and be responsible for completing daily tasks. It is also a platform that has many engaging activities for the children to do in their own time if they wish to do so. The children will have a Literacy and Maths task to complete every day alongside Phonics and Expressive Arts tasks throughout the week. There is a Phonics slideshow that gives an overview of activities the children could work on each day. Please don't feel pressured to complete every activity on Mini Mash but work through them at your child's pace and encourage learning through play.

As well as Mini Mash and Zoom, we will also be uploading stories read by Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Friend. Stories are a big part of Reception and as we try and read a story before home time every day, we would like to continue this. Mrs Friend will also be uploading some PE videos for the children to take part in if they wish to. We would usually do PE on a Wednesday morning for Leeds and afternoon for Dover if the children want the same routine.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, Miss McGregor will be holding a 30 -minute Zoom meeting to explain how the online learning will work and you will be given time to ask any questions you might have. We have grouped children to make the Zoom groups smaller so we ask that you only log into Zoom at the time given to you. Miss Atkinson will be in school for the key-worker children to continue the same learning in the classroom.

At the start of every week Miss Atkinson or Miss McGregor will hold a 15-minute Zoom meeting to explain the tasks for the week. At the end of every week on a Friday Miss Atkinson or Miss McGregor will hold a 15-minute Zoom meeting to see how the children have got on with their learning throughout the week and to have a little catch up.

We hope this clarifies how the online learning will take place and we hope this puts your mind at ease that the children will be learning the same both online and inside the classroom. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to email into school and we will try to support you as much as we can.

Thank you for your continued support,

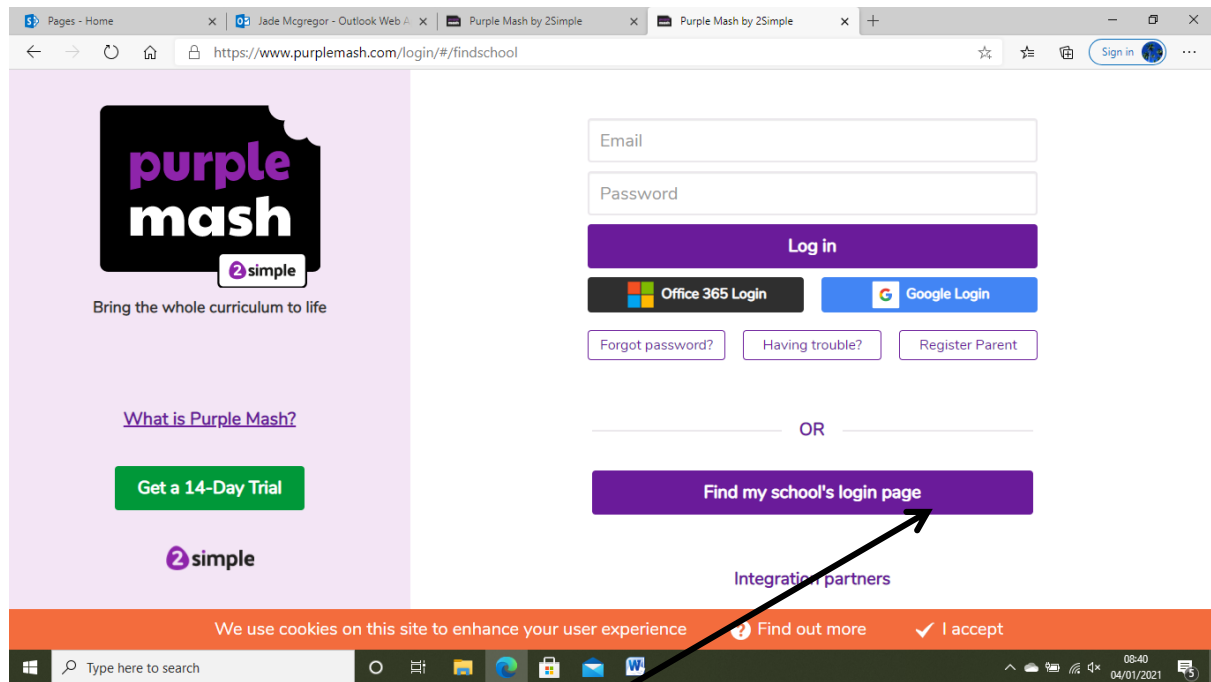
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## **Timetable**

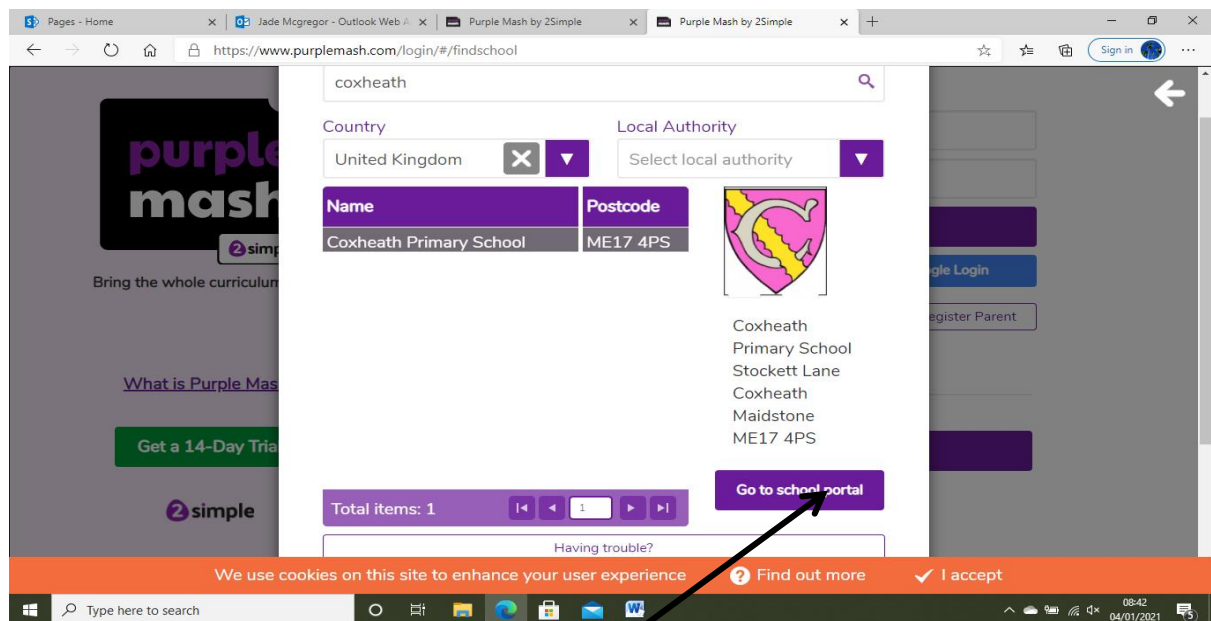
<b>9.10-9.30</b>	<b>Clever Fingers</b> – Activities that strengthen the muscles in their fingers and hands. e.g. Using pegs, tweezers, puzzles etc.
<b>9.30-9.50</b>	<b>Phonics – Online Learning Task</b> Jolly Phonics Songs and Actions. Phase 2 and Phase 3 sounds including diagraphs. Writing CVC words or simple sentences. Phase 2 and 3 tricky words – Can they use them in a sentence?
<b>9.50-10.30</b>	<b>Own Learning</b> – Child initiated play
<b>10.30-10.50</b>	<b>SNACK</b>
<b>10.50-11.10</b>	<b>Literacy – Online Learning Task</b> Encouraging speaking and listening. Extending children's understanding through questioning.
<b>11.10-11.50</b>	<b>Own Learning</b> – Child initiated play
<b>11.50-1</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1-1.20</b>	<b>Maths – Online Learning Task</b> Looking at numbers 6-10 (one number a week) Understanding its quantity, representation and formation.
<b>1.20-2.15</b>	<b>Own Learning</b> – Child initiated play
<b>2.15-2.45</b>	<b>Foundation Subject</b> – Music etc.
<b>2.45-3</b>	<b>Story Time/Home</b>

## How to access Mini Mash

1. Go to google and type in PurpleMash or visit the website purplemash.com
2. You will need to find Coxheath primary school through the school logins page



3. Click here and type in Coxheath Primary school.

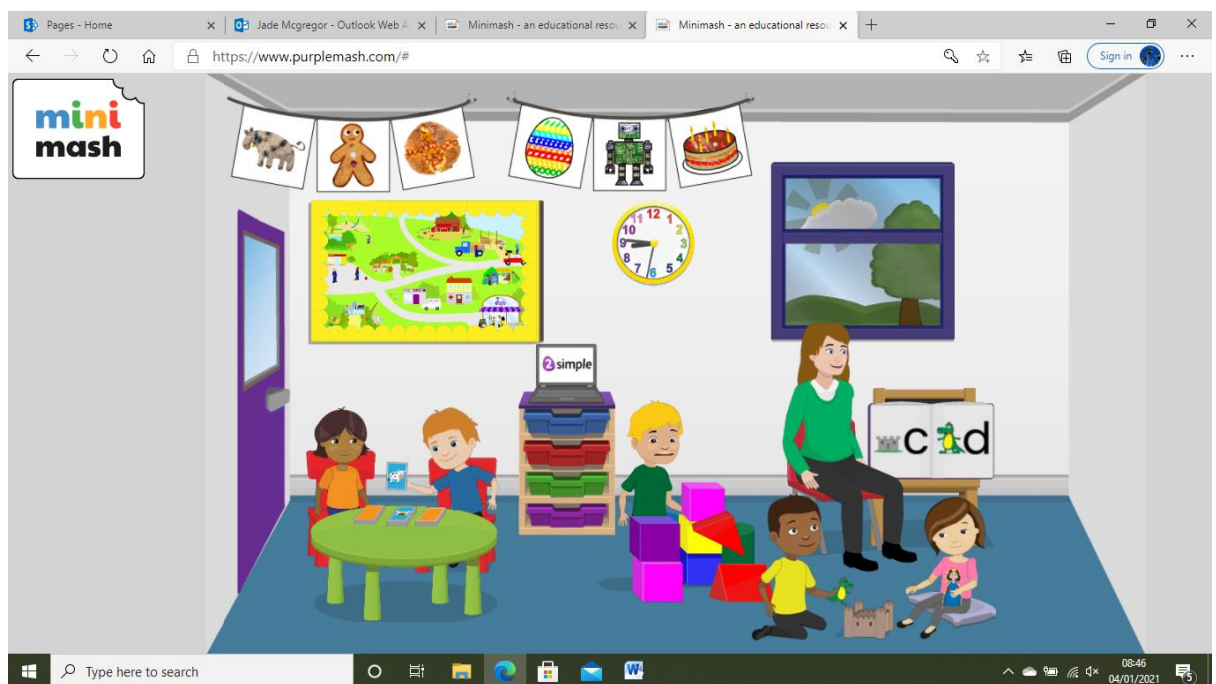


4. Access the school portal by clicking here.

5. You should have been sent a separate email with your child's login details. Their username will probably be their name and possibly the first letter of their surname, and their password should be a three letter word. For example, username: hannahb password: hit

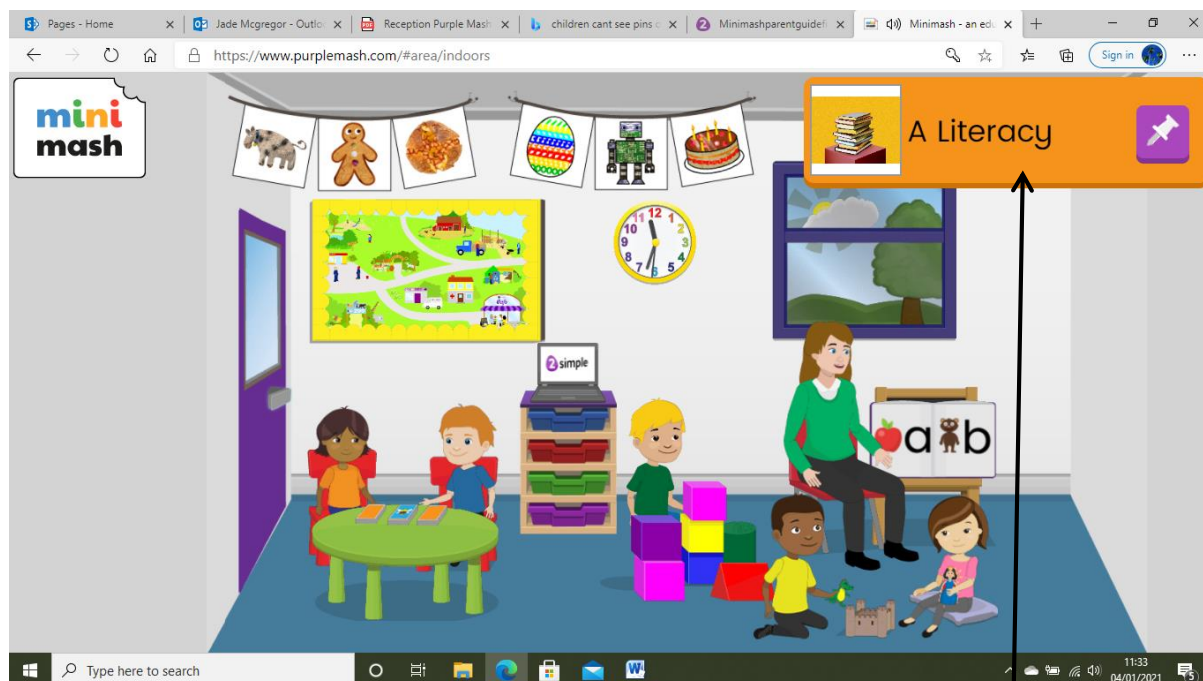
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/coxheath>. The page features the Coxheath Primary School crest and the school name. On the right, there is a login form with fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Log in' button, and links for 'Forgot password?', 'Having trouble?', and 'Register Parent'. Below the login form, a 'Recent logins' section shows a silhouette of a person and the name 'Miss McGregor'. At the bottom, there is a purple banner with the text 'We use cookies on this site to enhance your user experience' and buttons for 'Find out more' and 'I accept'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the search bar and various application icons.

6. Type this into the boxes provided (as shown above) and you should be taken straight into minimash on your child's profile. (Picture below)

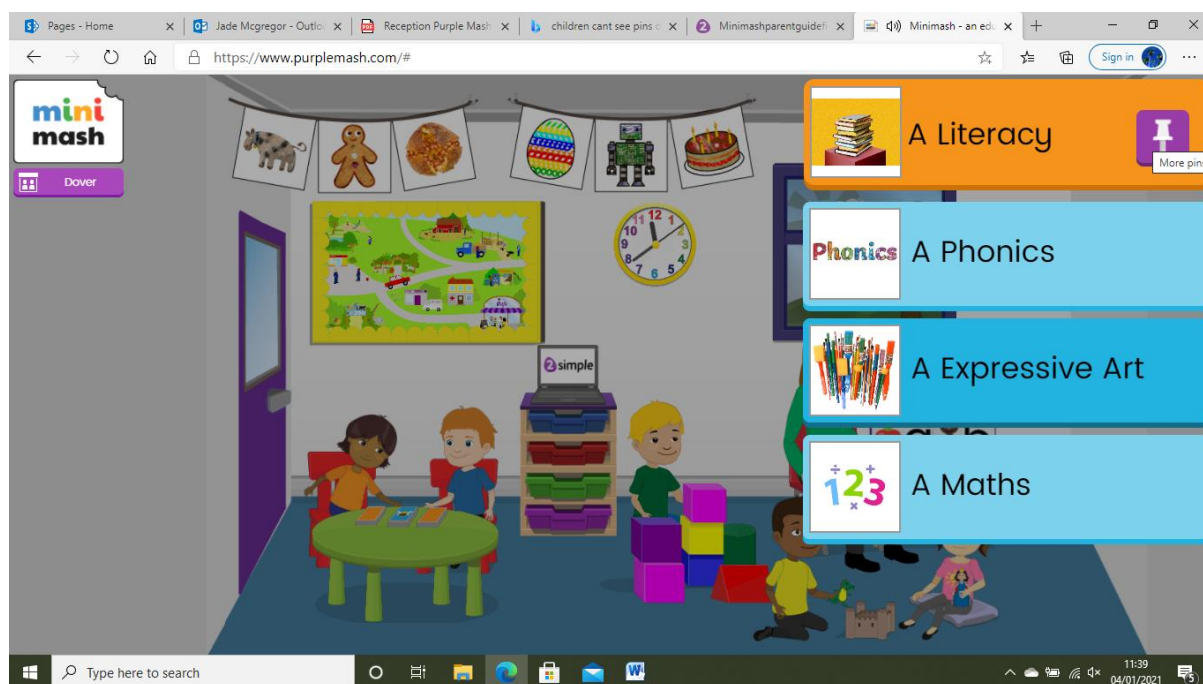


## How to access work on mini mash

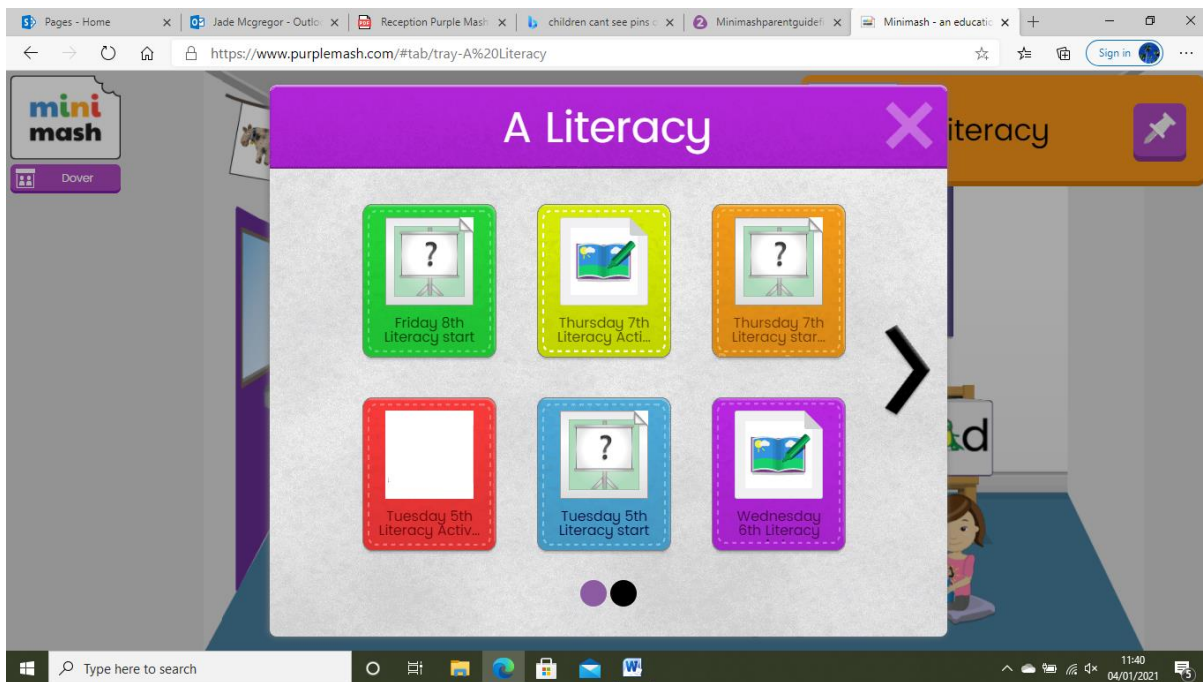
1. When you have entered Minimash on your child's account you should see a screen below.



2. On the top right of your screen you should see a pin labelled A Literacy. If you click on the purple pin, there should be other pins that drop below. (As shown in the picture below.)

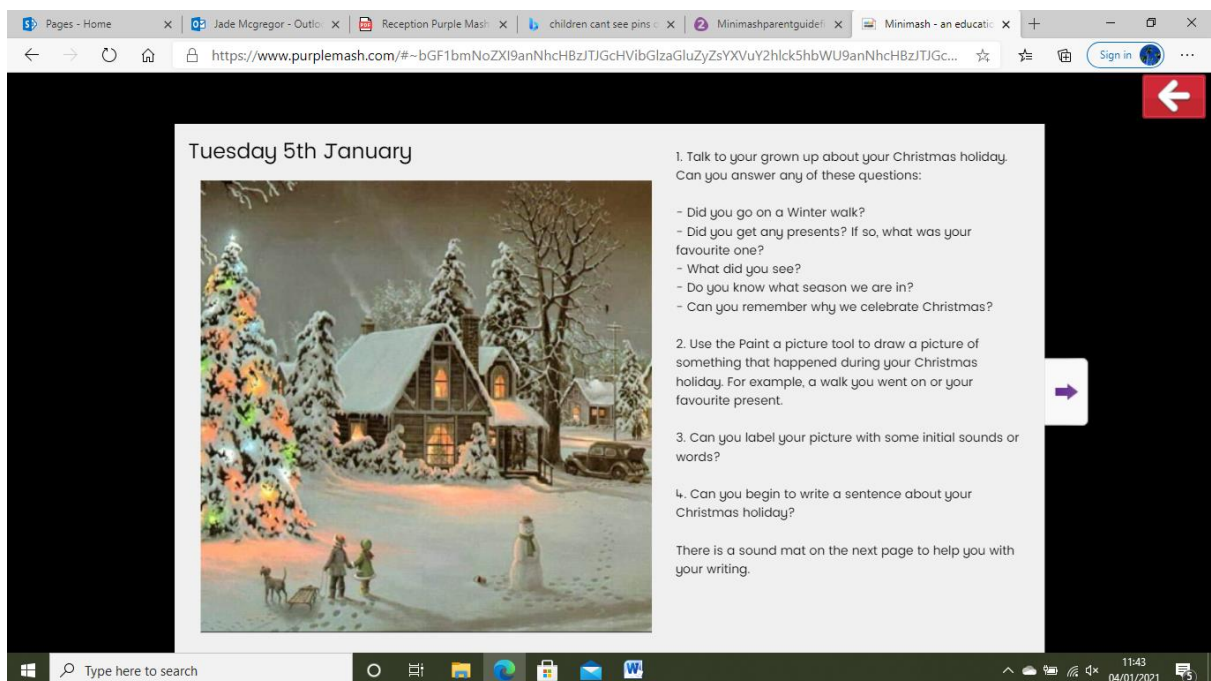


3. When you click on one of these pictures, for example the books on literacy, you should be able to see the work we have uploaded for the children to complete throughout the week. See picture below.



**Please note this is work for the whole week and should not be done all in one day. Each piece of work is labelled with the date it should be completed.**

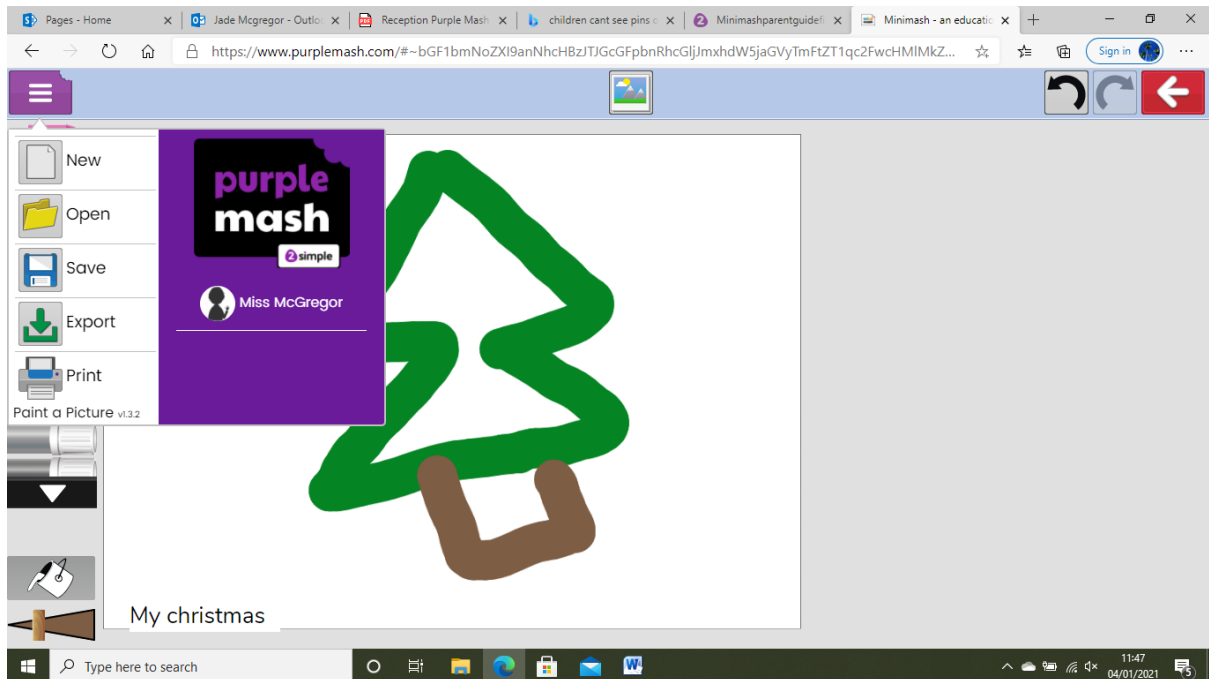
4. To access the work you simply click on the piece you would like to complete. For some days there are starts and an activity. Please go through the start activity first and the children should then be able to complete the corresponding task based on this. For example, below is the screen you should see when you click on the Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Literacy start.



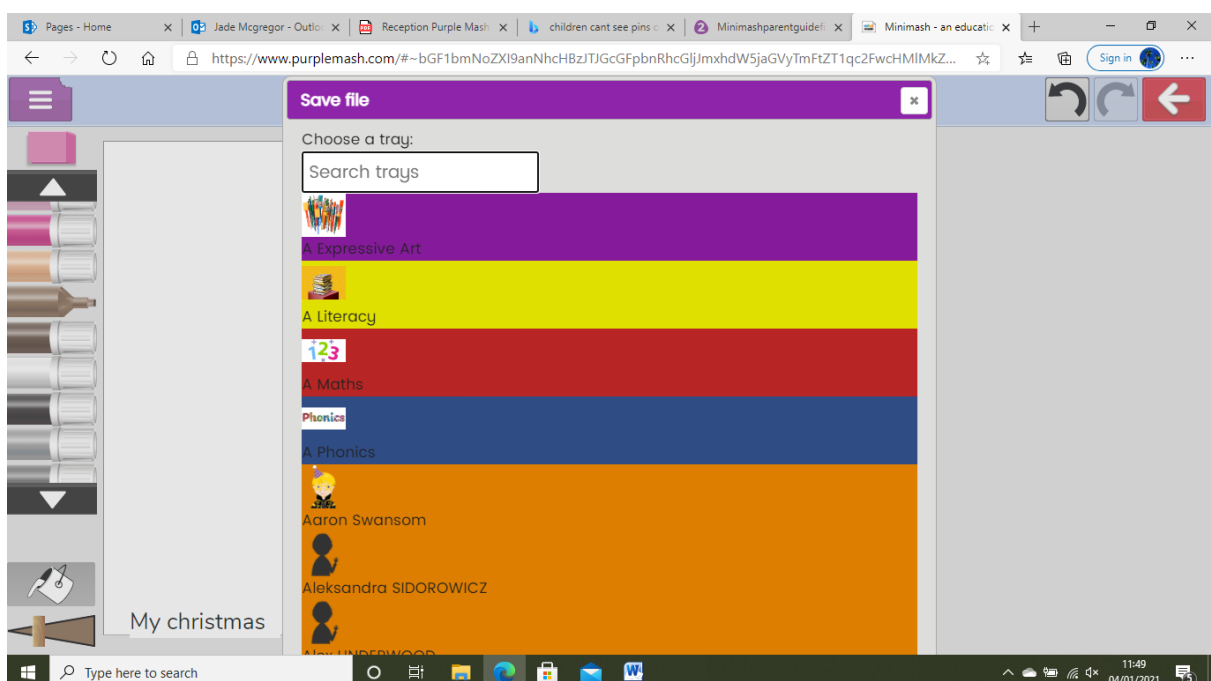


## How to save work on Minimash

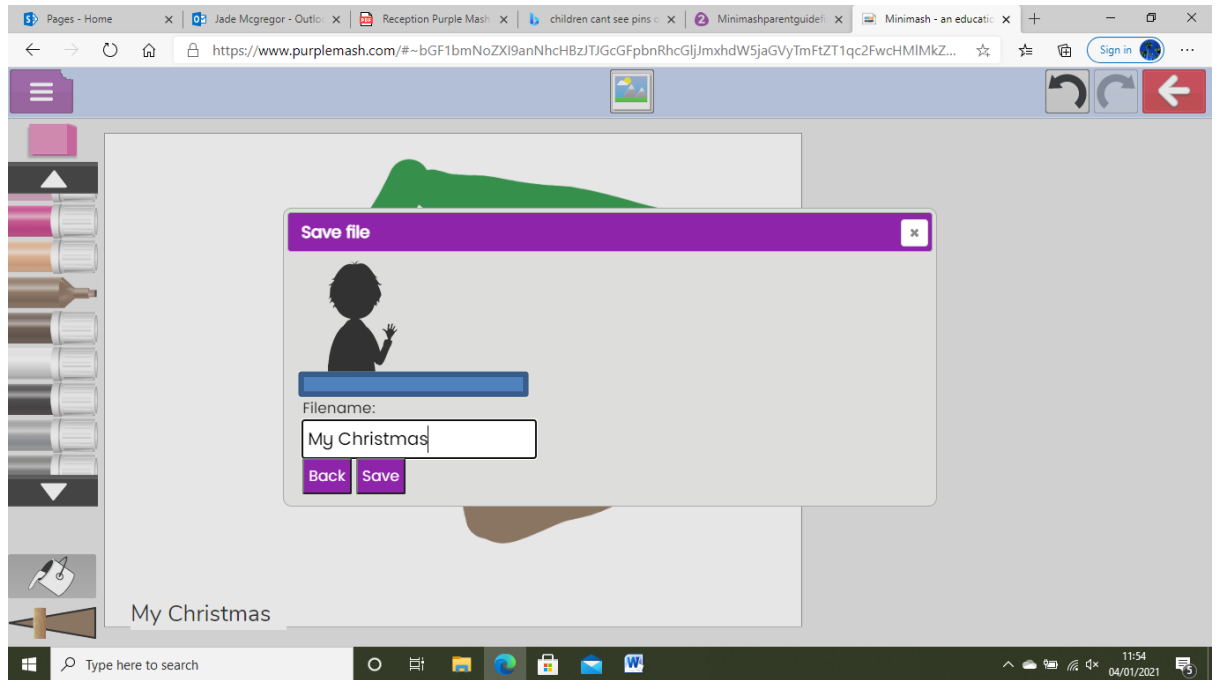
1. When your child has completed a piece of work, we would like them to save their work into their **own tray**.
2. You need to go to the top left hand corner and click on the purple box with 3 lines. After clicking this, you should see the screen below.



3. Click on save and you should be asked which tray you would like to save the work into. (As shown below)



4. Please select your own child's tray and give the work a name.



5. Your child's work has now been saved and Miss McGregor and Miss Atkinson will look at this as soon as possible and mark it.