

# Guide for Parents

NumBots is all about every child achieving the “triple win” of ***understanding, recall and fluency*** in ***mental addition and subtraction***, so that children ***move from counting to calculating***.



There are ***two play modes*** in NumBots that serve different purposes:

***STORY MODE*** - children work through the stages practising their counting and number facts.

## PLAYING THE GAME: STORY MODE

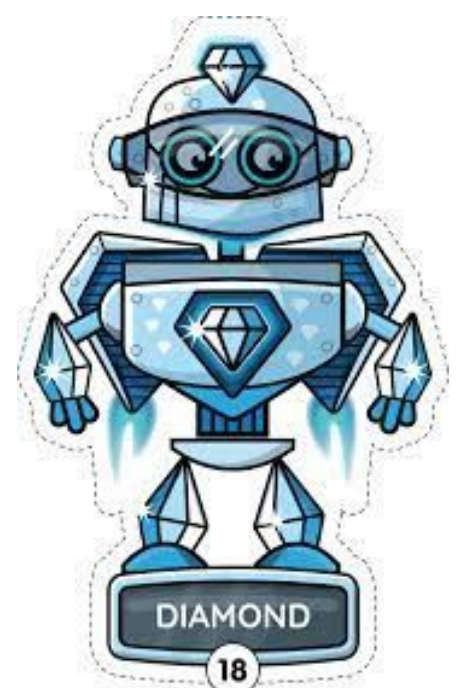
The game starts in 'Story Mode'. There are 18 stages - from Rust to Diamond - and each stage is made up of a number of levels. Players start at Rust level 1 and, to unlock the next level, they need to earn at least 2 out of 3 stars.

To earn the 2 or 3 stars required to pass the level, children must demonstrate a level of fluency when answering the questions. This means they must be accurate and timely with their answers; if children get 0 or 1 stars they need to answer more quickly. The game ensures that learners don't move on to the next level until they show they are prepared for it.

Story Mode starts with very basic maths (subitising numbers) and progresses steadily and rigorously to addition and subtraction of double-digit numbers.



All children start with Rusty on ***Stage 1*** and work their way up to ***Stage 18: Diamond***





**CHALLENGE MODE** - children choose a challenge and race against the clock to see how many questions they can answer correctly in one minute.

### PLAYING THE GAME: CHALLENGE MODE

When players complete Stage 3 (Tin): Level 35 in Story Mode, they will unlock Challenge Mode. Here they can race the clock to test themselves on how many questions they can answer correctly in one minute. There are 20 different challenges to choose from; each challenge testing a different skill, for example number bonds to 10, adding single digits or subtracting double digits.



### Playing NumBots at home

The children have logged onto NumBots at school and each child has their own NumBots login - your child's Class Teacher will be able to share it with you.



At home, children can login via the website at:

<https://play.numbots.com/>

Or, there is an app for mobiles and tablets.

*To get the best out of NumBots, we suggest children play for 5 minutes 4-5 times a week - little and often is the key.*

**NUMBOTS** is a lot of fun! It's also a great place for the children to practise their counting and number facts.

Maths is really hard when your counting and number facts aren't secure. **NumBots** is a great way to start building maths confidence. If you have any questions at all, please ask. Thank-you for your support!