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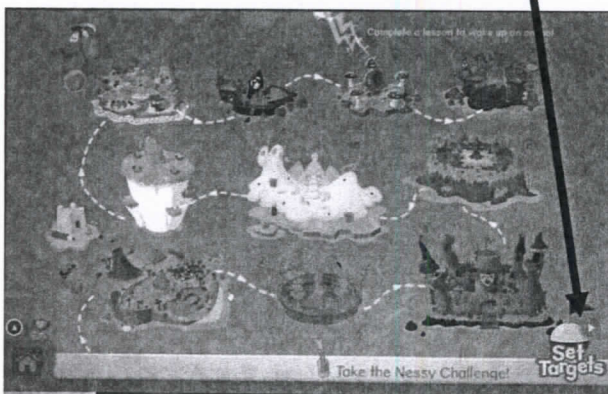
# Nessy Reading and Spelling: 101

Dear Parents/Carers,

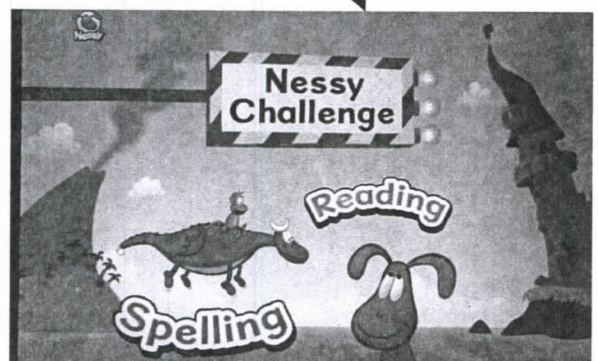
Hopefully you and your children have been able to sign in and familiarise yourselves with the Nessy Reading and Spelling Program. Nessy is a fabulous, well-established online program that leads children through an incredibly thorough and well-structured series of video clips and activities that supports them in learning to read and spell. Children generally love to use Nessy. If screen time in your home is limited to a specific amount of time, you may even find that they are happy to use that time to play Nessy games.

Thank you so much to those children and parents who are embracing this program- we trialled it last year and saw its benefits as an additional tool in our literacy teaching program. However, as with all things in life, Nessy isn't perfect. Some children have set themselves targets which then locks them out of most of the program. I have set the children's profiles to NO targets but it still offers that option. Once targets are set it stops the children from accessing any other parts of the program. It stops them from doing work that is too hard BUT it also stops them from going back and revising easier levels. I have included a couple of screen shots:

See the Set Targets icon down at the bottom of this screen shot? It will bounce about to catch your child's eye- resist the temptation.



If your child gets to this page, use the back button to get out of it.



If you have any other issues around Nessy please let your child's teacher know via Dojo and I will get in touch with you to help sort it out.

Regards

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*Learning and Support Teacher*