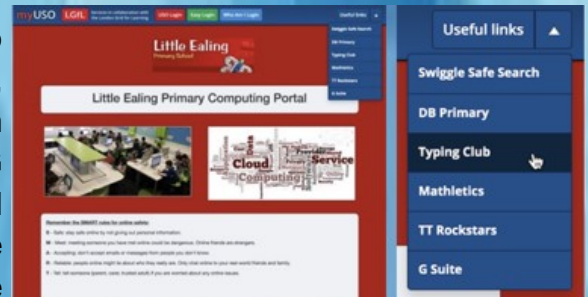


Some of the login pages learners need access to cannot be found by searching on Google. Due to this, Mr Burke recommends changing the homepage on your home computer to the LEPS COMPUTING PORTAL. Or at the very least setting an easy to find bookmark for this page in your favourite browser. The Useful links button at the top right of the page will give your child access to the correct login pages for their favourite online learning resources.



LEPS Computing Portal: <https://my.uso.im/leps>

TYPING CLUB IS AVAILABLE AT HOME FOR ALL KS2 LEARNERS!

Typing Club is a truly wonderful resource for developing touch typing skills. I spoke before about the incredible benefit touch typing can have for children both throughout and beyond their school life. It is one of those skills that is easier to develop when you are young, and then stays with you for life! It requires just one hour of practice per week to develop the necessary muscle memory to make rapid improvements and increase WPM rates. However, there simply is not enough space in the school day for this so I ask that you please encourage children to log in and practice at home. A quick 10 minutes after school each day or 3 times a week for 20 minutes will make a real difference.

Tips to Help Students Excel

Posture matters

Students should position their monitors directly in front of their eyes, sit up straight, hover their wrists just above the keyboard, and sit close to their desks so that their arms form the shape of an L. Poor posture can result in problems such as back pain, headaches, and sore muscles.

Practice 1 hour per week

Building muscle memory takes time and practice. Our brains and fingers require time to coordinate the right movements. Two or three short sessions per week are highly recommended to quickly build muscle memory and endurance.

Don't skip around

Students should complete the lessons in order. Each pair of characters should be mastered before moving on to the next one. Once students have mastered the Home Row, they can practice reaching up and down diagonally to cover every letter on the keyboard.

Accuracy first

Even though we strive to learn to type fast, what slows us down is the number of mistakes we often make. Students should focus on accuracy, and speed will progressively increase as they build muscle memory.

Look at the screen

The best thing teachers can do is make sure that students don't look at the keyboard. Encourage students to always return to the Home Row and feel for the bumps on F and J.

Get all 5 stars

Each lesson has a set of requirements that need to be met in order to pass the lesson. However, just passing the lesson isn't the real goal. Mastery equals 5 stars!

Use all 10 fingers

....and not only when practicing on Typing Club! At first, students often think that they type faster using only 2 fingers. Eventually, with enough practice in their everyday lives, students realise that typing with all ten fingers is actually easier and allows them to type faster.

Typing Club

- 1.Curl fingers like bear claws
- 2.Rest fingers on the home row
- 3.Never look at the keyboard
- 4.Always use the correct fingers
- 5.Repeat lessons until you have:





Happy Typing!

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