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### Virtual world raises educational bar

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A virtual world featuring alien avatars and its own currency is promising to raise the bar in educational apps claim its creators. Planet Sherston, [www.planetsherston.com](http://www.planetsherston.com), allows pupils to have their own avatar aliens with their own homes. All successful educational activity is rewarded with 'space bitz' that can be spent at the space bazaar, where items such as wallpaper, furniture and food can be purchased. The more activities completed by the pupil, the more space bitz they earn to spend on their personalised avatar.

The software facilitates personalised learning 24/7, supports teachers in delivering and tracking personal learning journeys and empowers children to take charge of their own learning. Sherston comes with a 12-month money back guarantee.

An adaptive learning engine assigns sets of activities to individual pupils based on their performance. It also continually collects and analyses performance information and uses artificial intelligence to create learning pathways, supporting low-ability pupils as well as challenging the gifted and talented. Harrowgate Hill Primary, Darlington, said it was already seeing a positive impact on teaching and learning within a month of using Planet Sherston.

