

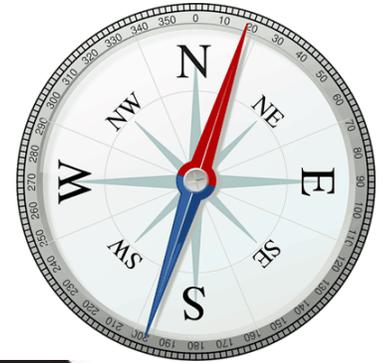


Making sense of maths Parent Café

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Maths all around us

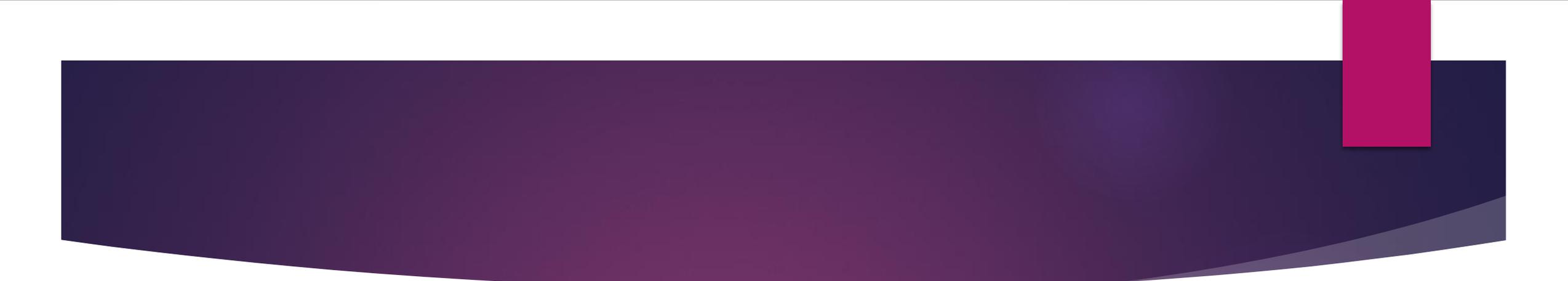


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In this workshop, you will:

- ▶ Find out about some of the practical objects that we use in the classroom ... and at home!
- ▶ Find out more about our working walls
- ▶ Find out how we make maths fun and challenging
- ▶ Find out about vocabulary
- ▶ Find out about Mastering Number



How do objects help children to make sense of numbers?

Children need to handle, pick up and move practical objects when counting and calculating. This helps them to:

- see a number or problem in different ways
- make links between their learning in different areas in maths

Just as children can learn the word order of a nursery rhyme or poem, learning the order of numbers as words **one, two, three, four** is often just a memory game. Can they count out that amount of objects? Can they draw it? Can they talk about what the number means?

Objects are used by all children of all abilities at all stages of primary education.



What is a number?

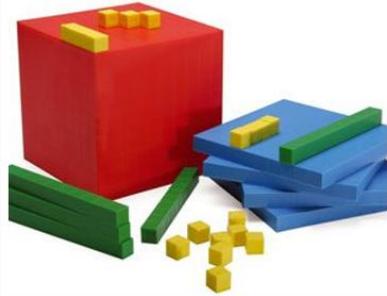
3 three

"1, 2, 3, 4"

As well as being able to say number names in the right order, read and write numbers, we want children to really understand what the number means. How many is 3? Do children see 3 objects 'in their head' when they hear the word three?



Beadstring
20 and 100



Dienes
(Also known as Base Ten)



Numicon
Tiles or plates
Pegs



Cubes
Multilink
Unifix



Counters



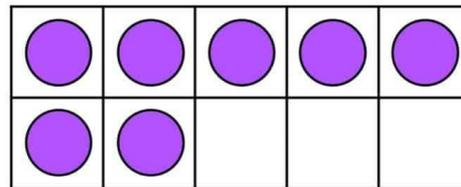
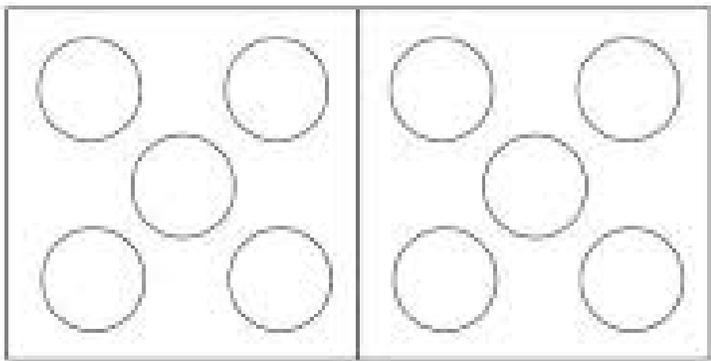
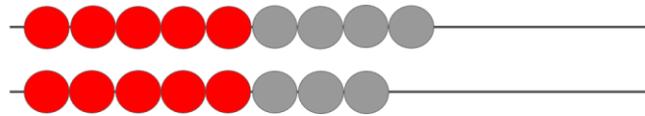
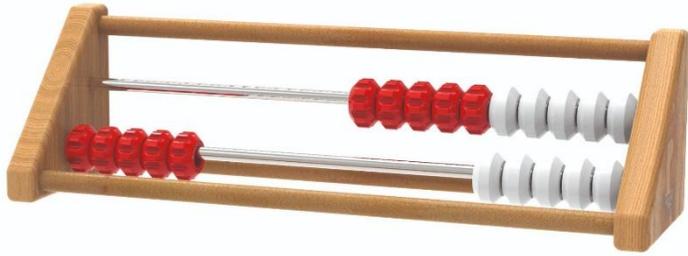
Chain links

Practical objects in the classroom

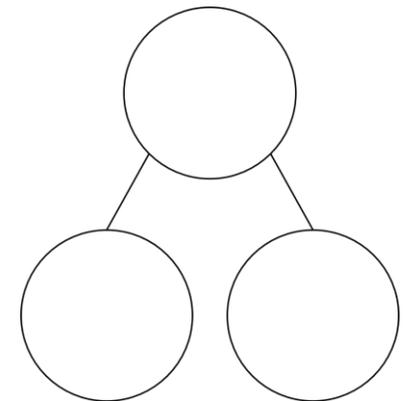
Practical objects that you could use at home



Representations

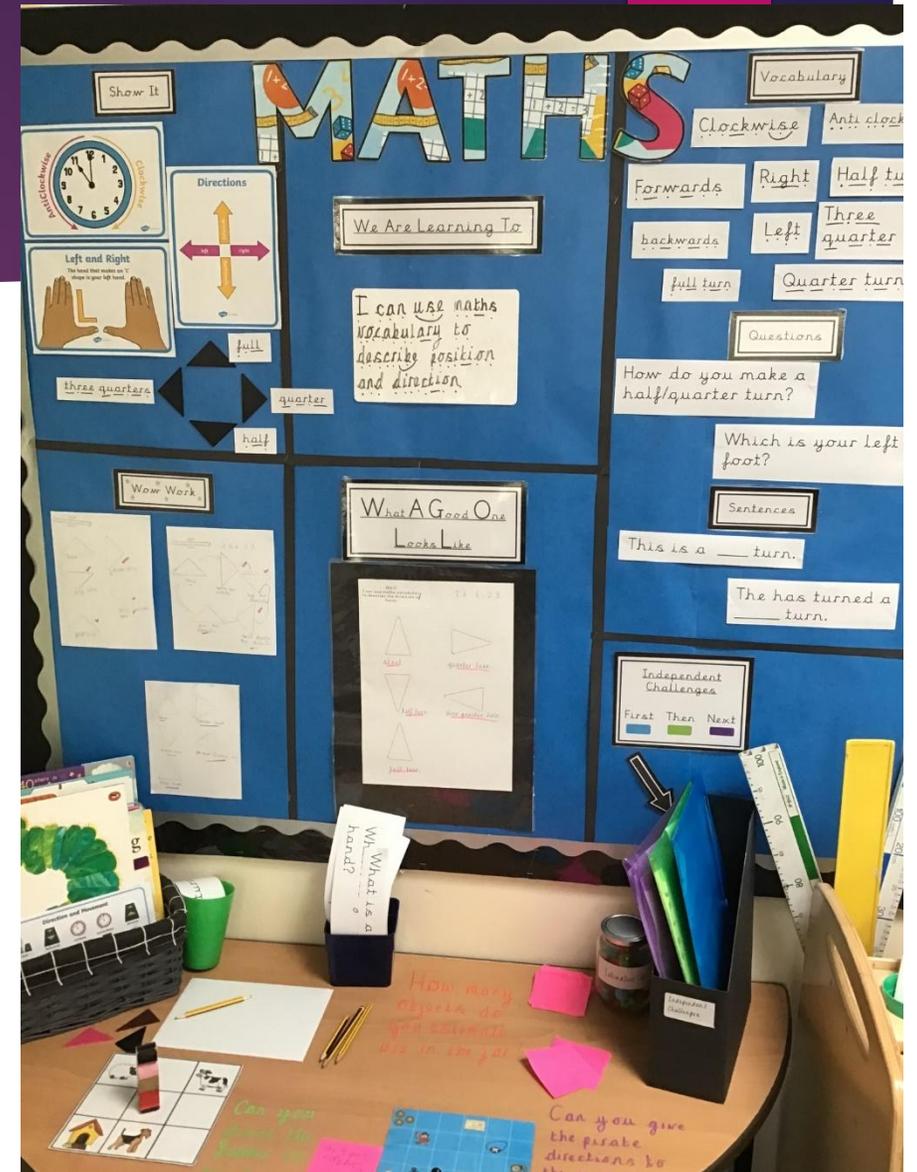


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3	2



Working walls

- ▶ Show it
- ▶ Vocabulary
- ▶ Questions
- ▶ Stem sentence
- ▶ Wow work



Counting and Place Value

- ▶ Place value means that children understand the worth of each digit in a number

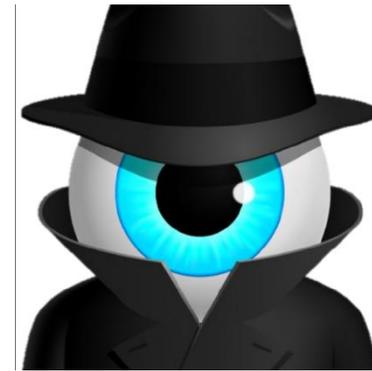
JARGON BUSTER!

Digit 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

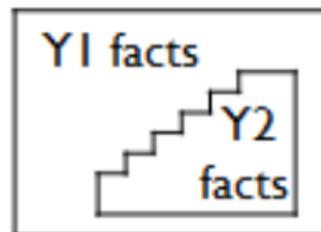
Number (numeral) 0, 1, 2, 3, 46, 54, 105, 275689...

Number (word) zero, one, two, three, four etc.

Do children realise that the digit 3 in 13 is worth three ones? Or that the digit 3 in 31 is worth 3 tens?

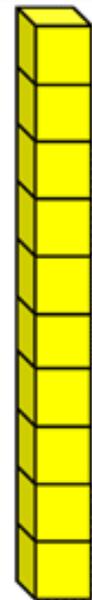


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1	1+0	1+1	1+2	1+3	1+4	1+5	1+6	1+7	1+8	1+9	1+10
2	2+0	2+1	2+2	2+3	2+4	2+5	2+6	2+7	2+8	2+9	2+10
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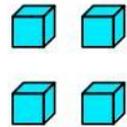
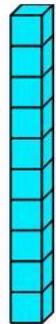
Counting and Place Value

- ▶ Can you build the number 14 using dienes?
- ▶ Can you draw it?
- ▶ Can you say it?
- ▶ Can you write it?



Can you find one more and one less? Can you find ten more and ten less?
Prove it!

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"I have one ten and four ones."

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fourteen

Counting and Place Value

13 Look at these numbers.

0 14 50 61

Write each number **once** to make these correct.

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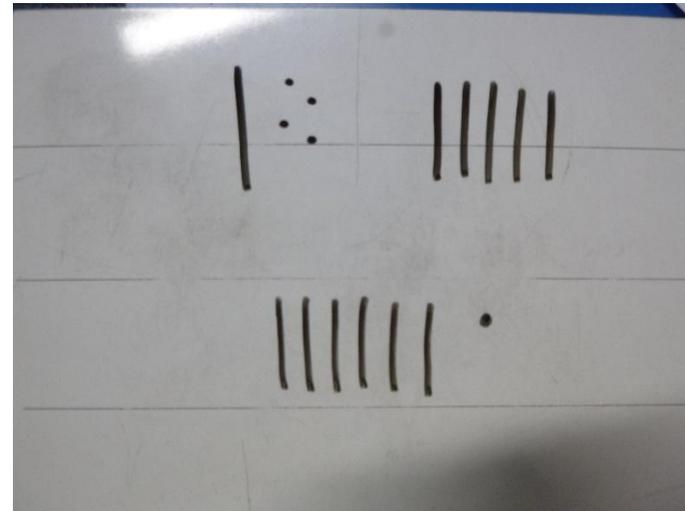
- ▶ Is there more than one way?
- ▶ How could you draw the dienes to help you?

$50 > 14$

$61 > 0$

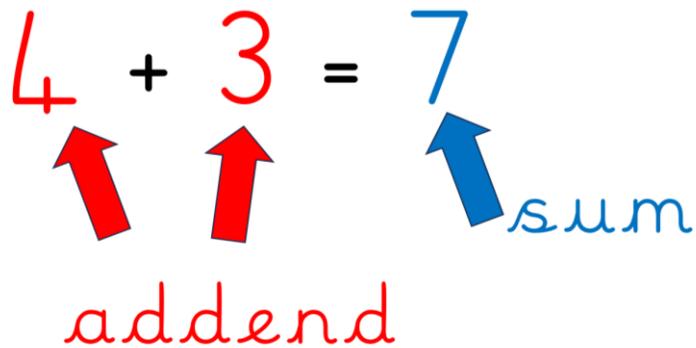
$61 > 50$

$14 > 0$



Vocabulary - addition

$$4 + 3 = 7$$

The diagram shows the equation $4 + 3 = 7$. Below the number 4 is a red arrow pointing up to it. Below the number 3 is a red arrow pointing up to it. Below the number 7 is a blue arrow pointing up to it. The word "addend" is written in red below the two red arrows. The word "sum" is written in blue below the blue arrow.

addend

addend: the number being added, or added to, in an addition calculation

sum: how many altogether after adding.

Subtraction

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 14 \\ \text{minuend} \end{array} - \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 10 \\ \text{subtrahend} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ 4 \\ \text{difference} \end{array}$$

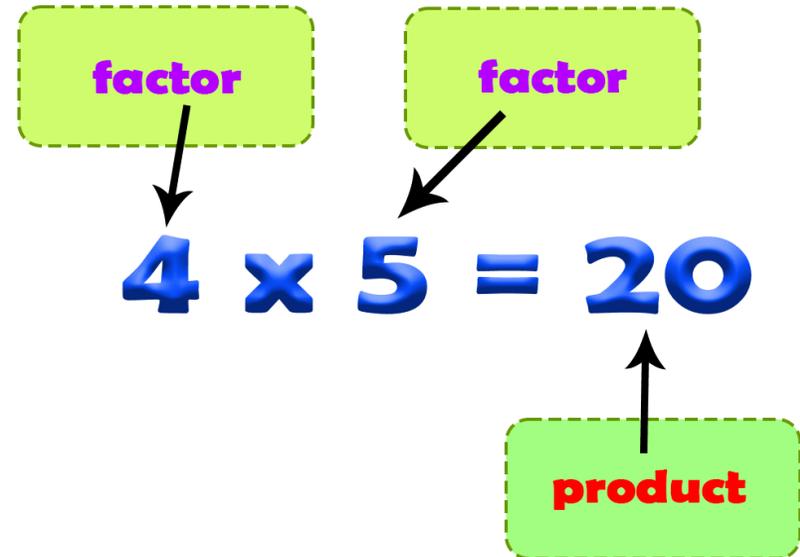
minuend: the whole, the number being subtracted from.

subtrahend: the number being subtracted from the minuend (or whole)

difference: the amount or quantity by which one thing is different to another

Multiplication

- ▶ **Factor:** the number being multiplied and the number you are multiplying by
- ▶ **Product:** the answer when two numbers are multiplied together



Division

- ▶ **Dividend:** The whole before it is divided
- ▶ **Divisor:** The number that you divide by
- ▶ **Quotient:** When a number is divided by another number, the quotient is the answer.

Dividend Quotient

$$32 \div 4 = 8$$

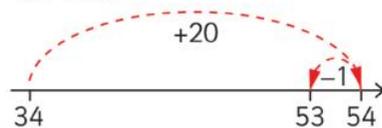
Divisor

The diagram shows the equation $32 \div 4 = 8$. Above the number 32 is the word "Dividend" in orange, with a black arrow pointing down to 32. Above the number 8 is the word "Quotient" in green, with a black arrow pointing down to 8. Below the number 4 is the word "Divisor" in blue, with a black arrow pointing up to 4.

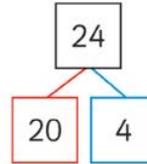
Key Mathematical vocabulary

Terms to describe strategies for mental or written calculations

compensation: a mental calculation strategy in which a number is rounded to the nearest 10 to make the calculation easier, and the amount rounded up or down is compensated for at the end, for example $34 + 19$, $(34 + 20) - 1$



partition: split a number into 2 or more parts (often into 10s and 1s)



subitise: know how many without counting



That's 4
- I don't need to count.
I just know there are 4 spots



reorder: put numbers in a different order to help with calculating

This looks quite hard.

$$32 + 56$$

$$56 + 32$$

It's much easier to re-order and start from the largest number.



Other useful mathematical vocabulary terms

Year 1 definition:

commutative: addition is commutative. It does not matter which order the addends are added in, the sum will always be the same

$$7 + 3 = 10$$

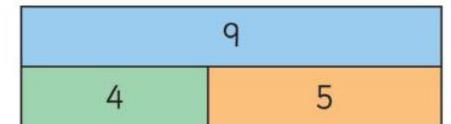
$$3 + 7 = 10$$

Year 2 definition:

commutative: law for addition and multiplication that means the numbers can be swapped around without changing the answer

$$5 + 3 = 8 \text{ is the same as } 3 + 5 = 8$$

bar model: a diagram to show how wholes are partitioned into parts



inverse: The operation which reverses another operation. Addition is the inverse of subtraction, doubling is the inverse of halving.

$$12 - 4 = 8$$

$$8 + 4 = 12$$



Addition and Subtraction

- ▶ Can you draw it?
- ▶ Can you say it?
- ▶ Can you write it?

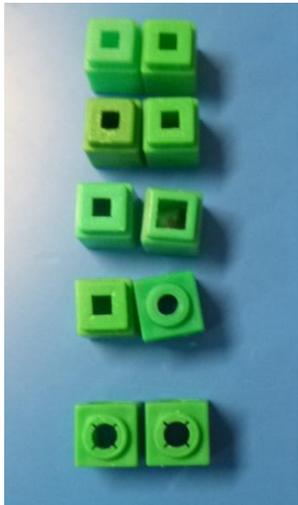
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Write the missing number to make this number sentence correct.

$$9 + 7 - \square = 12$$

Multiplication

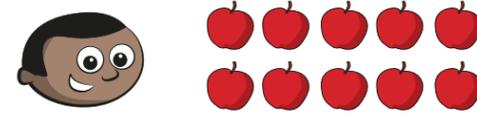
- Using cubes, show $2 + 2$
- Keep making groups of 2 cubes
- How else could you arrange them?
- What if you turn this around?



Division

- How can you share 10 cubes into groups of 2?
- How many groups do you have?
- What could you draw to show this?
- What could you say?
- What could you write?

Mo has 10 apples.



How many apples will there be in each bag if Mo shares them equally?

He shares the apples between 10 bags.

He shares the apples between 5 bags.

He shares the apples between 2 bags.

He puts all the apples into 1 bag.

What do you notice?



1

2

5

10

Fractions – seeing equal parts within a whole

$\frac{1}{2}$ of a quantity – two equal parts. Share out objects.

$\frac{1}{4}$ of a quantity – four equal parts. Share out objects.

- ▶ 4 cubes into two equal parts (green) Show me $\frac{1}{2}$ of 4.
- ▶ 4 cubes into four equal parts (yellow) Show me $\frac{1}{4}$ of 4.

Tom, Sam and Ben each show a piece of ribbon.

Tom shows $\frac{1}{2}$ of his whole ribbon.



Sam shows $\frac{1}{4}$ of her whole ribbon.



Ben shows $\frac{1}{3}$ of his whole ribbon.



Whose whole piece of ribbon is the longest?

Whose is the shortest?

Explain your answers.

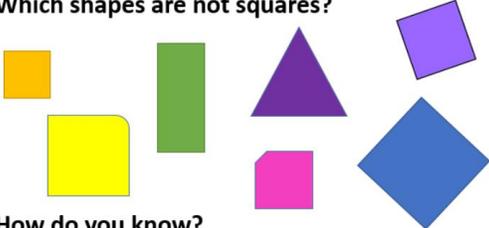
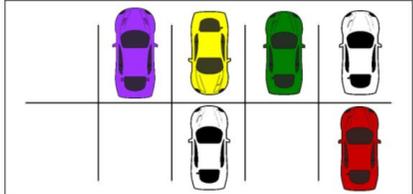
Sam's

Tom's

4 a day

- ▶ 4 quick problems everyday to recap and practice skills

Day 1 **Four a Day** 

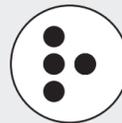
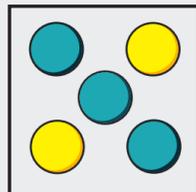
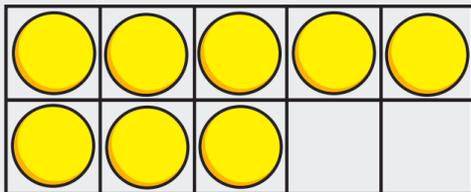
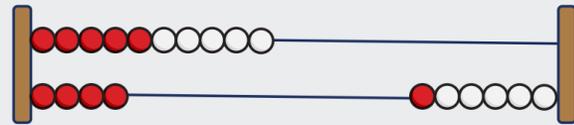
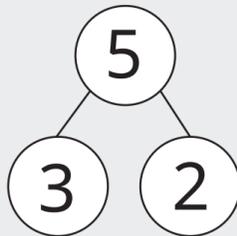
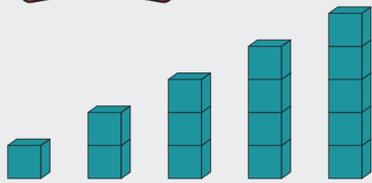
<p>1) How many cupcakes altogether?</p> 	<p>2) Which shapes are not squares?</p>  <p>How do you know?</p>
<p>3) Compare the numbers using $<$, $>$ or $=$.</p> <p>24 ○ 42</p>	<p>4) How many more cars can park in this car park?</p> 

Day 1 **Four a Day** 

<p>1)</p> $33 \div 3 = \square$ $\square = 3 \div 3$	<p>2) What is the missing digit?</p> $\square + 4 + 12 = 20$
<p>3) What number comes next?</p> <p>1, 3, 5, 7, \square</p> <p>0, 2, 4, 6, \square</p>	<p>4) Which clock shows the latest time?</p> 

Fluency Bee

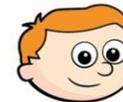
Key resources and representations



How many more acorns does Ron have than Jo?



Jo



Ron



Ron has more pine cones than Ron.

Problem solving and reasoning

- ▶ Allows children to apply and explain their skills to different situations and scenarios

Write $<$, $>$ or $=$ to complete the number sentences.



double 6 $6 + 7$

double 9 $9 + 8$

$9 + 8$ double 8

Weekly Maths Challenge

Priya bought a cupcake for 60p using only silver coins.



How many different ways could she have paid for the cupcake?



50p



20p



10p

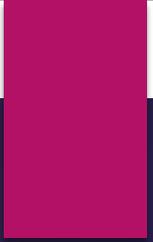


5p



KS1 assessments

- Government are providing optional KS1 tests
- These will be used to inform teacher judgements at the end of Year 2 along side many other assessment techniques.
- We no longer have to report our results.



Problem solving Challenge

Challenge

Weekly Maths Challenge



Kelly's chickens have laid some eggs.
Each chicken has laid an odd number of eggs.
Kelly has collected 19 eggs altogether.
How many eggs could each chicken have laid?
Can you find all of the possibilities?

Thank you for coming!

- National Numeracy Parent toolkit has a wealth of tips and advice for parents
<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths/family-maths-toolkit>
- Oxford Owl includes a range of activities, top tips and eBooks to help your child with their maths at home
<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/>
- Nrich. A range of maths games, problems and articles on all areas of maths
<https://nrich.maths.org/parents/primary>
- White rose one minute maths app
<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>
- Number blocks episodes
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>

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List of websites for children

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>

<https://ilovemathsgames.com/>

<https://mathsisfun.com/>

<https://mathszone.co.uk/>

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