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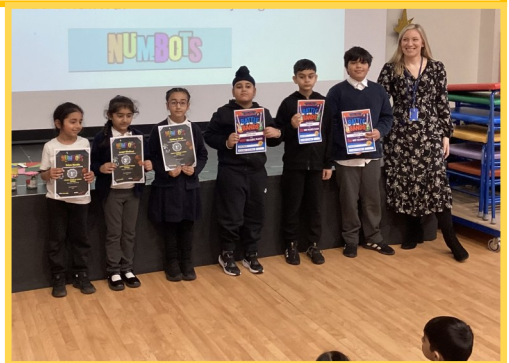
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The Magical World of Maths!

Inspiring Confident Young Mathematicians

This issue is all about how we can help children become confident, motivated mathematicians for life. Enjoy exploring fun activities, practical tips, and ideas to make maths exciting at home and in everyday life!



Congratulations to Earth House, winners of our recent Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots Tournament! A special mention to Manveer who was the overall winner! Playing these games helps children to build essential number skills and lay a strong foundation for more complex maths. Just 3-4 minutes of practice, four days a week, can make a real difference for pupils and support success in Maths.



Reception have been learning number bonds to 5 and developing their understanding of the numbers 6, 7, and 8, while **Year 1** have been learning about place value to 20, including tens and ones, and building numbers using base-ten resources.



How can I help my child with number bonds at home?

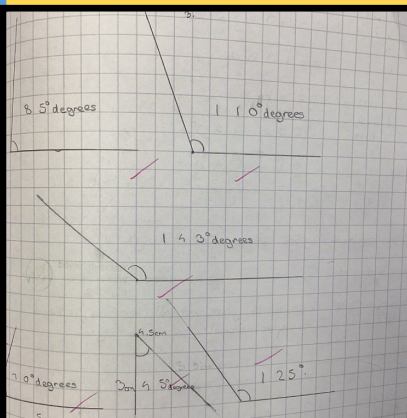
- Use small objects such as toys or coins to make 5, 6, 7, or 8 in different ways.
- Practise number bonds to 20 using toys, snacks, or small household items.
- Ask questions like, "Can you make 5 in two different ways?" or "How many ways can you make 20?"



Year 3 have been solving money problems and learning to work systematically to find all solutions, and **Year 4** have been dividing 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers using part-whole models and place value charts to support understanding.

Exploring money at home:

- Use coins and notes to sort, count, and add different amounts.
- Let your child buy items, like bread, using coins—can they work out or estimate the change.
- Talk about prices and spot coins and notes



Year 5 have been doing lots of problem solving linked to fractions. Children in **Year 6** have been learning to use a protractor to draw angles as well as progressing onto calculating missing angles.



How can I help my child with measures at home?

Challenge your child to double or halve a recipe—work out grams, kilograms, or millilitres. Use a protractor to **estimate angles** in everyday objects, like clock hands. Measure lengths, heights, or daily temperature differences.

Practice & resources: [Converting Measurements](#) | [Find the Missing Angle Game](#)





**Number
Day 2026**
FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY



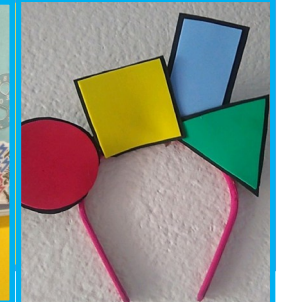
We are excited to announce that we will be taking part in **Number Day** on **Friday 6th February**.

The School Council were delighted to share key messages with each class about Number Day, including some fun ideas for dressing up in maths-themed costumes. **There is no need to buy anything new** - pupils could wear clothes with shapes or numbers on, or use an old top to draw on.

During the day, pupils will take part in a Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars competition.

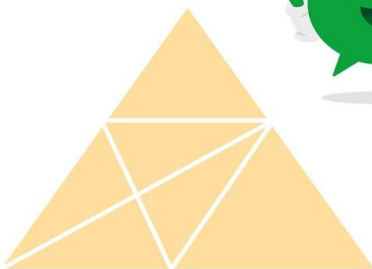


Ideas for Outfits



Can you figure out our maths challenge?

How many triangles can you count?

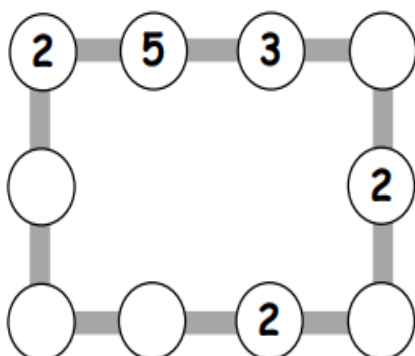


Write the numbers 1 to 9 in each of the squares below, so that each row, column and diagonal adds up to 15.

6		
	5	
8		

	9	2
8		

Make each line add up to 16.



The numbers shown are the totals of the line of four numbers in the row or column.

▲	♣	▲	●	
♣	●	♣	▲	25
●	●	●	●	20
▲	♣	♣	▲	
			26	

Find the remaining totals.

Maths at Home

- **Keep it positive:** Celebrate effort, be curious together, and avoid saying "I can't do maths."
- **Use everyday moments:** Count toys, weigh ingredients while cooking, or check the time on both analogue and digital clocks. Notice shapes and patterns on your walk or in the park.
- **Play to learn:** Board games like Snakes and Ladders build number confidence while having fun.
- **Use maths language:** Compare and chat—Who has more? Which is bigger? Who goes first? Are things shared fairly?
- **Support homework:** Offer a quiet space and ask thoughtful questions rather than giving answers.
- **Remember:** Small, consistent support makes maths fun and part of everyday life.



Suggested websites:

[NRICH - Challenge & Problem Solving](#) - Great for developing reasoning and problem-solving skills.

[Topmarks - All Areas of Maths](#) - Wide range of activities for all ages and topics.

[Hit the Button](#) - Fun games to practise multiplication and number facts.

[Times Tables Rock Stars](#) - Exciting way to learn times tables and inverse facts.

[NumBots](#) - Builds early number skills and mental maths confidence.

[BBC Bitesize - Primary Maths](#) - Lessons, videos, and quizzes for all primary topics.

[Maths Zone](#) - Games and puzzles for all ages
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safer Internet day: 10th February• School closes for Half-Term: Friday 13th February• School re-opens: Monday 23rd February• School Photographer: Wednesday 25th February• World Book Day: Thursday 5th March | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Teacher Meetings: 17th/18th March• School Closes for Easter: Friday 27th March• School re-opens: Monday 13th April• Family Workshop about Money: 21st April at 3pm (save the date!) |
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