MATHS MATTERS!

Making maths fun, exciting and part of everyday life!

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to our Maths Newsletter!

We are excited to share some of the wonderful mathematical learning taking place in our infant school. We also have lots of fun ideas to help you support your child's maths learning at home.

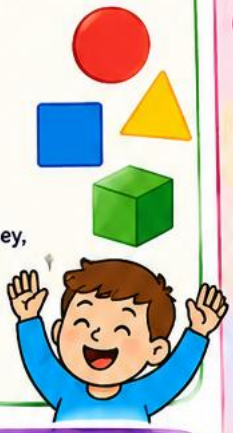
Maths is EVERYWHERE!

From counting toys to spotting shapes, cooking and playing games, children develop important mathematical skills through everyday experiences.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children are developing their mathematical understanding through exciting activities and practical experiences.

- **NUMBER:** Counting, recognising numbers and understanding place value.
- **ADDITION & SUBTRACTION:** Exploring number bonds and finding different ways to solve calculations.
- **SHAPE & SPACE:** Recognising 2D and 3D shapes and exploring their properties.
- **MEASUREMENT:** Learning about time, money, length, height, weight and capacity.
- **PROBLEM SOLVING:** Investigating patterns, exploring possibilities and explaining mathematical thinking.



MATHS AT HOME!

Little activities can make a BIG difference! Here are five easy and fun ways to bring maths into your home.

1. **COUNT, COUNT, COUNT!**
   Count the stairs, toys, snacks or cars you see on a journey. Can your child count backwards too?
2. **NUMBER DETECTIVES**
   Look for numbers on doors, clocks, buses and packaging. Can your child find one more or one less?
3. **SHAPE SPOTTERS**
   Go on a shape hunt around your home. Can you find circles, squares, triangles and rectangles?
4. **MATHS IN THE KITCHEN**
   Bake together, weigh ingredients and share food equally. Talk about more, less, half and double.
5. **LEARN THROUGH PLAY**
   Play board games, dominoes and card games. These are fantastic for developing counting, number recognition and problem-solving skills.

LET'S TALK MATHS!

Encourage your child to explain their mathematical thinking.

Try asking:



- How did you work that out?
- Can you find another way?
- What happens if we add add one more?
- Which group has the most?
- Can you explain your answer?

Remember, it is not just about getting the answer right. It is about exploring, thinking and having a go!

GROWING CONFIDENT MATHEMATICIANS

At school, we want every child to feel confident and excited about maths. We encourage children to:

- Have a go and take risks.
- Learn from mistakes.
- Explain their thinking.
- Celebrate their achievements.
- Enjoy discovering new things!



Just 5–10 minutes of fun maths activities each day can make a real difference.

A BIG THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a love of learning.

By working together, we can help every child become a confident, enthusiastic and resilient mathematician.

REMEMBER...
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Let's explore, discover and have fun together!

The Infant School Maths Team