



**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
LIVE, LOVE, LEARN. TOGETHER WE WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

## *The Fruit of Holy Spirit*



*What a fantastic, action packed first half term of Spring we had! I can't believe that we are now half way through the school year, it is flying in! This Fruit of the Spirit focuses on Maths in Holy Spirit. This is a subject which our children thoroughly enjoy. I know that you will enjoy seeing all of the children's learning. It was wonderful to see so many children take part in our January TTRS competition last month. We will be running this again in March. This month sees the launch of both our Maths and Spelling Bees in Year 1 to Year 6. Make sure that your child knows when each round is taking place. Looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening on Tuesday and Wednesday where you will be able to browse through your child's books.*

***Kindest regards  
Miss Sinead Walsh  
Headteacher***



Kind words can be short  
and easy to speak but their  
echoes are truly endless.  
Mother Teresa.

# PE and Forest School

**On PE days** Children to come to school in their PE Kit.

PE top in house colours with shorts or navy/black plain tracksuit bottoms and trainers/PE pumps. Children should wear their school cardigan / jumper with PE kit.

**Forest school** Your child will have this every 3 weeks on a Tuesday  
Children come to school in uniform not PE kit. and can bring a pair of wellies/  
old shoes to wear at Forest school – Please make sure they have a warm/  
waterproof coat as this activity takes place outdoors in all weather.  
*If your class has Forest School they will not have their Wednesday PE lesson.*

<b><u>Monday</u></b>	<b>PE for</b> Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	<b>FOREST SCHOOL</b>  <b>21.02.23</b> Year 5 and 6 (No Wednesday PE this week) <b>07.03.23</b> Year 1 and 2 (No Wednesday PE this week) <b>14.03.23</b> Year 3 and 4 (No Monday PE this week) <b>21.03.23</b> Year 5 and 6 (No Wednesday PE this week) <b>28.03.23</b> Year 1 and 2 (No Wednesday PE this week)
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	<b>PE for</b> Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6  *NO PE WHEN YOUR CLASS HAVE FOREST SCHOOL ON TUESDAY*
<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	<b>Dance for Year 3 and 4</b>  PE top in house colours with shorts or navy/black plain tracksuit bottoms and trainers/PE pumps. Children should wear their school cardigan / jumper with PE kit.



# Nursery

In Nursery we focus on a number a week, each number is linked to a story.



This week we have been learning all about the number 7. This weeks story is Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We have been practicing our core number skills, learning about the days of the week and practicing our number formation.



## Mouse does Maths

On Monday we held our termly Mouse Club event. This half term we focused on maths activities you can do at home. This included making playdough and using it to create 5 current buns, number writing outside, pattern fruit kebabs and cheerio counting. Maths is all around us and we wanted to celebrate this. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us, you make these events a big success for our children.

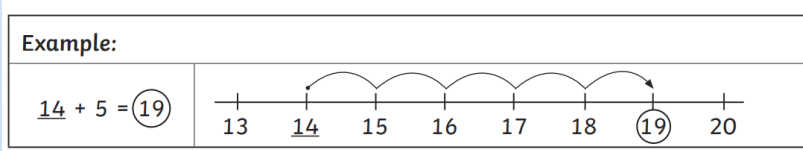




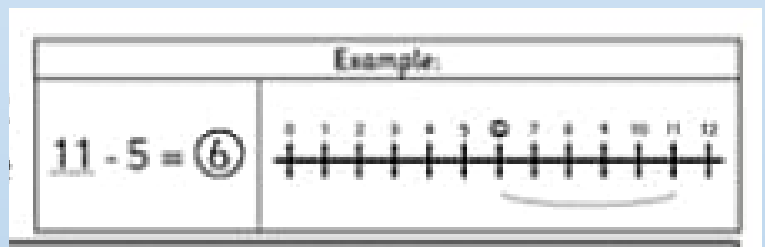
# Reception

## Addition and Subtraction

The children in Reception have been working tirelessly to develop their knowledge surrounding addition and subtraction. The children have explored different techniques and apparatus to support their mathematical skills and they have particularly enjoying using numicon, bead lines and number lines to help solve a mathematical problem.



**For addition we count forwards on top of the number line**



**For subtraction we go below the number line and count backwards.**

## **Mouse does Maths Event**

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# Year 1

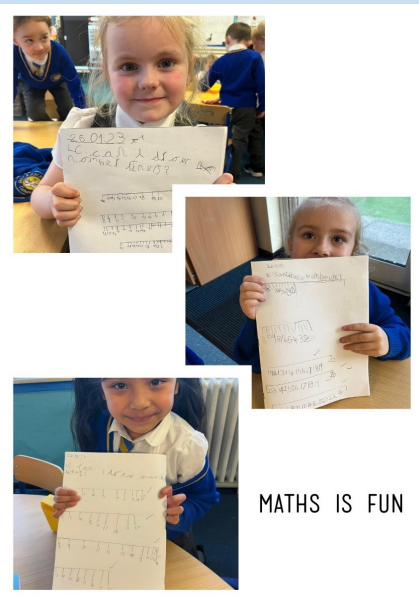
## Outdoor Maths

This term we have been busy using the outdoors to make Maths fun. We have been on number hunts and shape hunts. We have also used the outdoor playground as a piece of paper as we tried to work out the answer to different problems. This week we have been using the outdoor blackboard to make our own number line. They have done amazingly.



Arithmetic.

All the children have blown us away with term with their mental Maths skills. They have enjoyed using different resources to help them solve different problems and are becoming quite competitive.



## This term

**We are focusing on addition and subtraction within 20 and Place Value (within 50).**

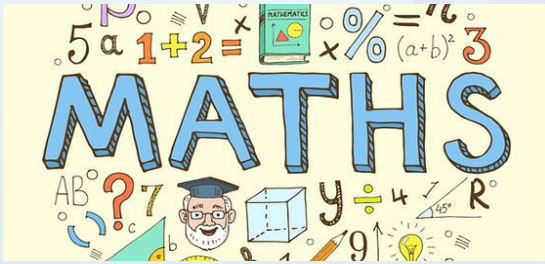
[Place Value, Maths Games for 7-11 Years - Topmarks](#)

**This is a fantastic resource your child could use at home to help consolidate their learning**



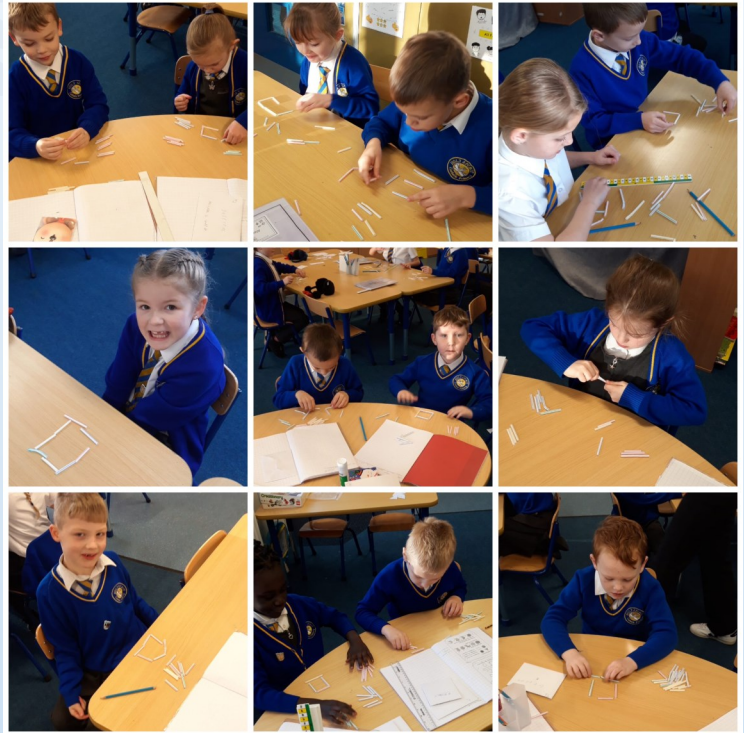


# Year 2



We love maths in Year 2. So far, we have completed learning on:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape
- Money



Here we are making our own 2D shapes out of straws.



Here we are counting how many edges, faces and vertices 3D shapes have.

In Year 2, we need to know the following times tables:

- 1 x table
- 2 x table
- 5 x table
- 10 x table

We have been using Times Tables Rock Stars to practise in school. Any further practise at home would be really helpful. If you need your child's login details, please just let me know.







# Year 3



In Year 3 we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have been using lots of different learning methods to help us with our times tables. Knowing our times tables is really important as this is the foundation to lots of Maths we do in school. Any chance you get to learn your times tables will prove valuable when you are completing your Maths work. We also enjoyed the TTRS whole school competition in January!

## **Number Generating for Multiplication and Division Facts**

We enjoyed some fabulous lessons taught by our excellent Hope University students. We used large dice to generate numbers to calculate multiplication and division facts. The children loved using the whiteboard to show us their understanding!

We also completed lots of Fast Maths and Top Marks multiplication work to help us with our number retention!



**Congratulation to Ava for winning our  
TTRS Competition in Year 3.**

**Our next TT Rock Stars competition will  
take place in March!**

**Keep practicing everyone!**





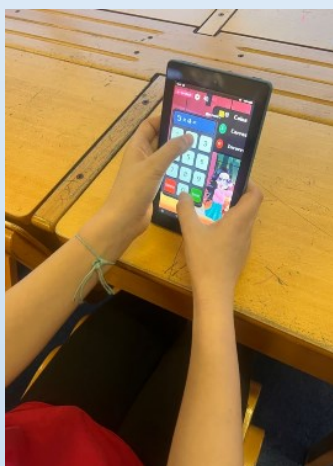
# Year 4



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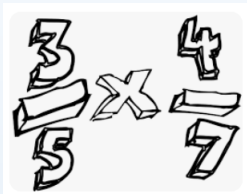
What an exciting month it has been for Maths! I am so proud of Year 4 for achieving 2nd place behind Year 6 in the TTRS competition. We'll beat them next time!

Year 4 absolutely love all things Maths! Here we are in our new unit, measuring the lengths of some different areas around school. We even use Maths in other lessons such as Science! We had to measure the distance that a sound travelled this week, and used our Maths skills to do this. We even use Maths in History, when we look at the dates the Romans invaded England. Maths is everywhere!

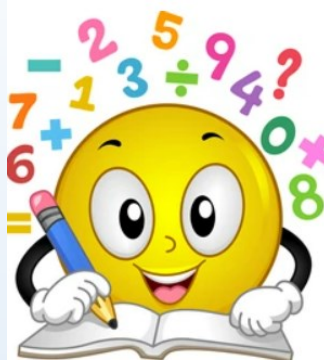
**Congratulation to Abigail for winning our TTRS Competition in Year 4!**







# Year 5

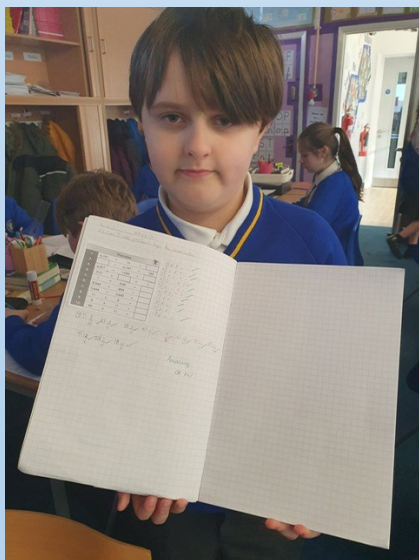
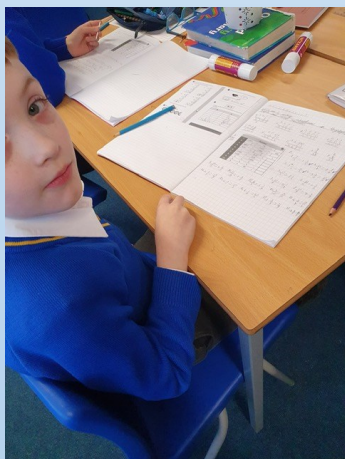
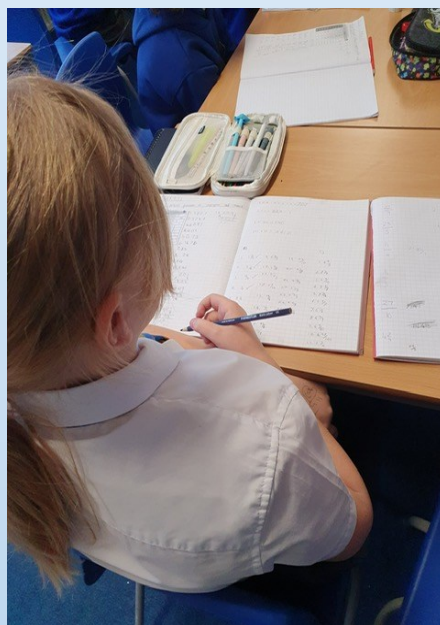


## Working hard...

Year 5 have been working extremely hard in maths this half term. We started the term working on our multiplication and division skills focusing on multiplying and dividing a 4 digit number by a 1 digit and 2 digit number. We then progressed onto solving reasoning and problem solving questions using the new skills we had learnt.

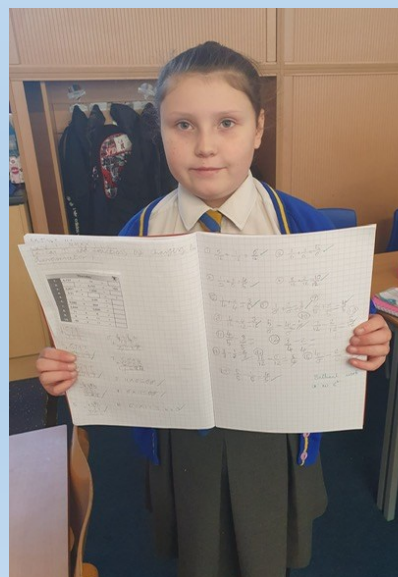
## Current learning

In recent weeks we have been learning all about fractions. We have been learning how to add fraction amounts, calculate a fraction and how to find fraction amounts including a whole.



## Arithmetic.

The children are continuing to work extremely hard developing their arithmetic skills. Remember Timestables Rock Stars is a fantastic learning resource which supports children in learning their times tables.



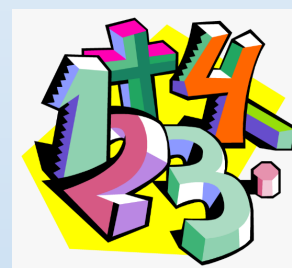


# Year 6



This half-term in Year 6, we have been learning all about decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents; all the children are able to convert between the 3 and recognise their equivalents.

The children have been working super hard on their arithmetic too by practicing different arithmetic questions at the start of every maths lesson which are helping us all to get ready for those 'Special Tests' in May! The attendance at SATS club has been outstanding too and as some of these photographs show, we love nothing better than working collaboratively to solve a challenge with our friends!



It was lovely to have some of our Year 6 parents join us last week for an, 'Arithmetic Session With Your Child'

I think some parents were shocked at how difficult some of the questions are and how many the children have to answer in 30 minutes—but we are well up for the challenge in Year 6!



Also, a massive congratulations to the outstanding effort from all our Year 6 children to win the recent KS2 Times Table Rockstars Battle.

Year 6 won with an incredible lead of 94,383 correct answers.

All our hard work is paying off!




# Rainforest

## MATHS

In the Rainforest, we learn maths in a practical hands-on way, using everyday objects to solve problems and do simple calculations. We love to complete maths tasks in the tuff trays.

This term we are looking at Place Value (numbers up to 20) and Money. Every Friday, we complete arithmetic activities to improve our mental maths too. Our focus is to ensure that all our pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with whole numbers, counting and place value.



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