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We we are all
Maths writers ...



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What is Maths?

Mathematics is the science that deals with the logic of shape, quantity and arrangement. Maths is all around us in everything we do. It is the building block for everything in our daily lives, including mobile devices, computers, software, architecture (ancient and modern), art, money.

The word mathematics comes from the ancient Greeks and is derived from the word 'mathema' meaning "that which is learnt".

It's important to believe your child can get better at maths and develop mathematical skills. Growth mindset, the belief that we can keep learning and getting better at maths, is very important in supporting children to become mathematicians.

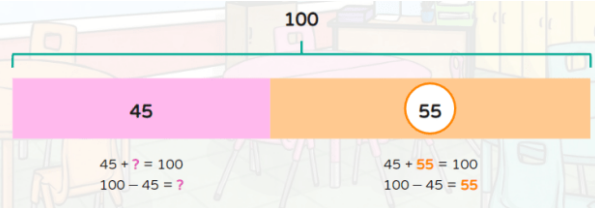
Parents' mindsets about maths influence children. Children notice when adults feel anxious about maths or say things like "some people are just not good at maths." Girls, in particular, pick up on attitudes held by female adults. Instead of saying "I'm not good at maths" try saying, "Let me try to figure that out." Focus on problem solving. Your words and attitude matter!

What is a Bar Model?

The bar model is a visual strategy to help solve number problems using different sized rectangles to represent numbers.

The rectangles or 'bars' are proportional so that a larger number in a problem is represented by a larger bar.

It does not provide the answer but gives the user an understanding of what calculation is needed to find the answer. In this example, 55 is the



answer as 45 and 100 are already provided and we can solve this by taking 45 from 100.

Bar models are visual representations of problems or ideas that can be used for any of these operations: subtraction, addition, multiplication and division.

In word problems, bar models have the big benefit of helping children to decide which operations they can use or how to visualise problems.

Awards

STAR—Eleanor (CC), CHARIOT—Isaac (MLM), JUMBO—Luca (MM).

EAGLES— Whole Class, ROSES— Whole Class, CIRCUS— Whole Class.

MERCURY— William (RREX), CLAUDIUS— Rupert (MLM), ROMANS— Tilly (CC).

DUTCH— Harley (MM), ICENI— Aarayan (MLM), PAXMAN— Chineye (RREX).

CASTLE— Ela (CC) & Riley (MM). CAVALIER— Lilly (RREX), GARRISON— Inez (MM).

OYSTERS— Drew (MM), MAGNETS— Zuzu (MM), RAEDWALD— Aaisha (MLM).

CYMBELINE— Arslan (MM), TRINOVANTES— Callum (RROX), LATHES— Maddox (RROX).

ATTENDANCE— Romans

Sunhats, Sun Cream, Water Bottles and a Water Proof Coat.

Just a reminder, and this week has been a classic example of the vagaries of the British weather.

Children must be bringing into school a water bottle that they can keep on their desks to keep themselves hydrated through the day.

Next week, in particular, the weather is forecast to get warmer still, so it is important that children have plenty to drink.

It's also important that they're liberally coated with sun cream before they come to school.

And just in case/when it decides to rain—a water proof coat that can live in their school bags.

Many thanks.

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I make Good Decisions?

Our Assembly Theme next week is: We Love Maths

Our Jigsaw Theme for the Half Term—Changing Me.

School Development Priorities—Priority 1

100% of pupils can use a bar model to help solve an age appropriate maths problem.

MATHEMATICS is not about numbers, equations, computations, or algorithms: it is about **UNDERSTANDING.**

William Paul Thurston

Team Priory Non Uniform Day

Please note that Team Priory Non Uniform day is now Friday 17th June. This is a change in date!

Year 3 PE Days

Separate to the swimming timetable for Year 3. Year 3's PE days for this HT are as follows.

Dutch and Icení - Monday
Paxman - Thursday

School's in Bloom

This morning the judges for the 'School's in Bloom' competition arrived in our EYFS outside Learning Garden to cast their eye over our outdoor areas.

As well as looking at our boxes, bird feeders, interactive resources and things that the children are growing—they also had a look at our Forest School area.

A brilliant job from Mrs. Correia in bringing it all together supported by all of our EYFS team and Mr. Bromley and Mr. Skinner.



Term Dates

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term.

Monday 5th September—First day of Autumn Term

Diary Dates

Tuesday's (Summer HT 2 - Year 6 will be using the Garrison Track for athletics

Tuesday's—Year 3 Paxman Swimming

Wednesday's—Year 3 Dutch Swimming

Thursday's—Year 3 Icení Swimming

Monday 9th May—Forest Schools starts for EYFS children

Monday 13th June, 5.00p.m. @ AF. Year 3 Parent Information meeting for Year 4 Residential Danbury 2023

Wednesday 15th June. Open School—your Opportunity to pop into school to look at your children's work, speak informally to the Class Teacher. AF & T—3.15p.m.—4.15p.m.

WB 6/6/2022—Year 1 Phonic Screening

WB 13/6/2022—Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Friday 24th June—Non Uniform Day for Donations to Summer Fair

WB 27/6/2022—Sports Days—9 dates and times will be confirmed next week)

Friday 1st July—PTA Summer Fair 5pm

Monday 18th July—Last day of Summer Term. Non Uniform Day. Children, parents to give/donate to school any unwanted/un-needed school uniform.

Thursday 21st July. Free PTA School Uniform. 11.00a.m.—1.00p.m. @ AF.

GET Outside Castle Park—parkrun!

So as we go into the summer a slight change of focus—things to do outside.

This week—Colchester Castle parkrun

This is a free event which runs every Saturday in Castle Park @ 9.00a.m.

It's free, although you do have to register before you first come along. You can walk, jog, run, volunteer or just spectate.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/colchestercastle/>

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/colchestercastleparkrun/>

Women's Tour Colchester

The Women's Tour whizzed along the Southway on Monday morning and a slightly more sedate pace than one might have otherwise expected as it was a 'neutralised Start.'

Mrs Skinner arranged for some of our children from the Town site to catch a glimpse as they went past, with the police motor cycle riders sounding their sirens—much to the children's delight.



Year 1

Really well done to all our Year 1 children who all took their 'Phonic Screening Check' this week.

This is a national phonics check that all children in Year 1 have to undertake and tests how well each child can use the phonics skills they've learned up to the end of Year One.

The children, suffice to say, did brilliantly and parents will get their child's results with the end term reports.

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.