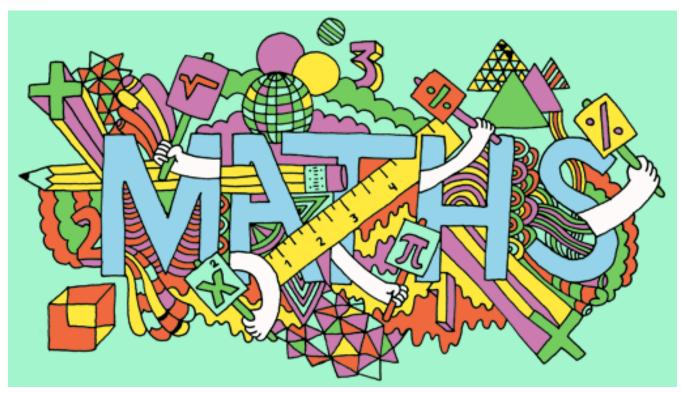


# Thorndown Primary School Marvellous Maths





# Developing Number Sense and Fluency in K\$1



#### Aims of today:



- To explore the main elements that can help children develop number sense and fluency when calculating in KS1.
- To discuss ways you can support your children at home, including games you can play.





#### Let's play...



## **Bunny Ears**







# Can we predict children's future maths ability?

#### Research has found 3 key components:

- Having a good sense of the size of numbers (Number Magnitude)
- Being able to subitise
- Being able to invent strategies





# Number Magnitude



'Immature number line representation is linked to both lower mathematical performance, but also with hindering learning of new mathematics.'

(Booth & Siegler, 2008)

Which is larger: 3 or 6?

Which is larger:  $\frac{1}{3}$  or  $\frac{1}{6}$ ?

How close can you get to 1?





#### Number Magnitude

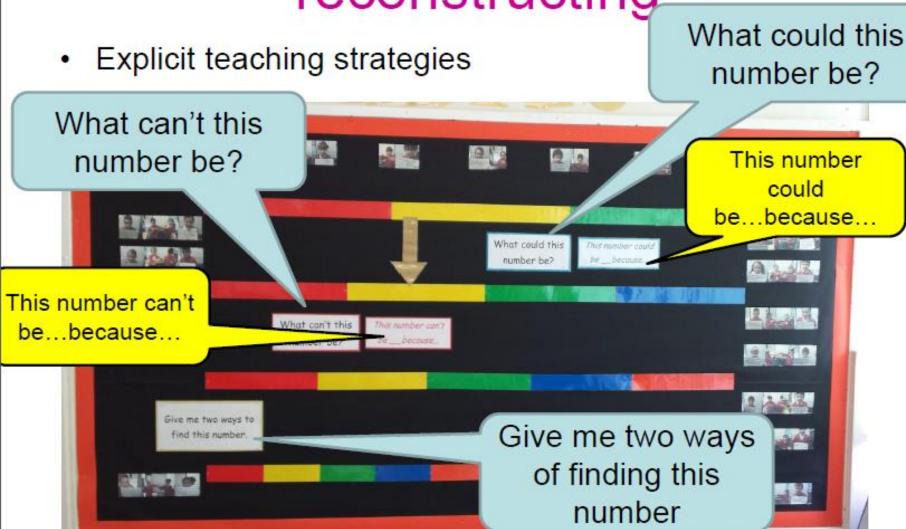


It is important to develop linear estimation.



Activities like this help to develop strategies for estimating and children's sense of the relative size of numbers. It is essential that children explain their reasoning.

Deconstructing and reconstructing



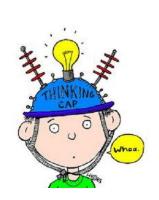


# Subitising



The process of immediately knowing how many objects are in a small group without needing to count them.

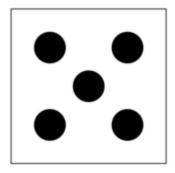




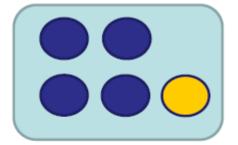




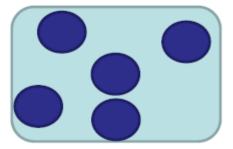
#### Developing early number sense



Familiar and structured dot patterns



structured dot patterns



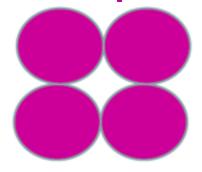
unstructured dot patterns





# Perceptual Subitising







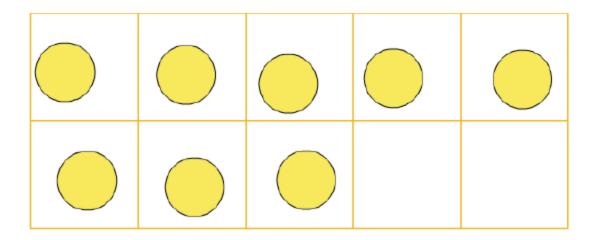
- Being able to 'just see' how many are in a group, without counting
  - → Conceptual Subitising
- Being able to see numbers within numbers (eg 6 is made of 4 and 2). This helps to develop efficient calculating skills.





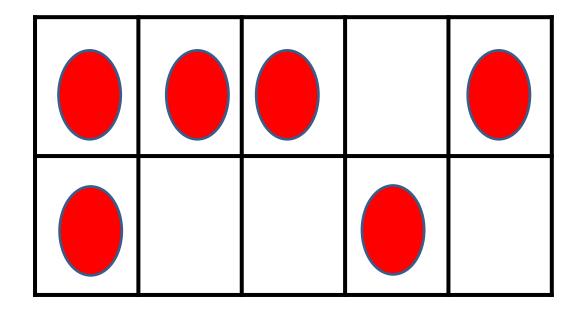
#### Partitioning/building numbers

Say what you see...





#### How many spots?



Number talk
How do you know?
What do you see?

#### Tens Frame Games

These are great for developing maths skills including:

- Subitising
- Reasoning about numbers
- Comparing
- Composition knowing number bonds

These can also be played with standard playing cards.

Board games can be great at developing number sense and fluency too.



#### Let's play...



#### Spot the Number!



Higher or Lower

Highest Card Wins (or lowest!)



#### Let's play...



### Mind Reading Cards

#### Tens Go Fish



# Other ideas for developing Conceptual subitising fluency and number sense



#### What's the role of colour here?





#### How can you help at home?

- Involve your child in everyday maths.
- Help to develop your child's sense of number magnitude by talking about the size of numbers. Have a go at estimating.
- Play lots of games, including the ones we've provided and ordinary board games.
- Discuss and celebrate your child's strategies for calculating.



#### To finish...



'PLEASE, PLEASE... NEVER say that you are bad at maths ... not anywhere within a 100-mile radius of any child you ever want to influence.'

Naomi Sani



'How to do maths so your child can too'