

Things that you can do to help your child with their maths:

It isn't long until the MTC (Multiplication Check)

This is a national test where children will be given a set of 25 multiplication questions.

These questions will be random and children will have 6 seconds to answer each one.

The test takes place in Year 4 because times tables are a crucial skill and underpin SO many key mathematical concepts. Gaps in knowledge here will hinder their progress in years 5 and 6.

PLEASE ensure your children are practising regularly. As little as 5 minutes a day can have a significant impact on their progress.

We are also now promoting the use of Numbots at home, as many children have gaps in their recall of key number bonds/number facts.

Numbots can be accessed using the same log in as TTRS and is a great resource to help your child grow in confidence and access new concepts more readily in class.



This half term:

In Maths, we will be continuing our learning about decimals before linking this to money.

In Science, we will be looking at electricity. Children will learn how to make a simple circuit, understand switches and learn about conductors and insulators.

In Geography, we will be learning about North and South America.

In RE, we will be looking at Islamic worship.

In French, we will be looking at names of animals.



Things that you might like to do at home to support your child's learning:

- Read with your child at least 4 times a week.
- Practise their spellings with them. These are set weekly and tested on a Friday.
- Ask them questions about books they are reading and who is their favourite author.
- Encourage them to pay for things in shop with cash and predict how much change they will get.
- Look at different appliances at home and discuss why some are operated from the mains versus those that are battery operated.
- Look at different states in the USA on a map.

We love reading!

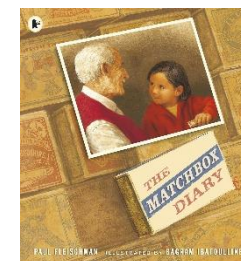
During this half term, our main reading text will be 'The Matchbox Diaries'. It's a beautiful story, all about a family who immigrate to America from Italy. Our work will be supported by looking at other texts, such as Shaun Tan's 'The Arrival' and 'Immigrants' by Selina Alko.

At home, don't underestimate the power of reading to your children. If you have children of different ages, there are many fantastic picture books that can appeal to a range of ages. Encourage your child to get comfy and choose how they sit whilst they listen to you – reading should be a joyful experience, not an uncomfortable one!

Remember: 'Great readers make great writers'

Literacy

In literacy, through narrative immersion and a variety of drama strategies, the children will embark on an adventure all about 'The Matchbox Diaries' by Paul Fleischman. Please don't tell them, though, as they will have to uncover the text using a variety of clues!



If you have any queries or questions regarding how to support your child with their learning please email us at year4@wistastonacademytrust.co.uk