



Hi Reception and Year 1,

As part of our maths lessons for the next few weeks, I would like you to have a go at using a really cool website called Numbots, (if you haven't already been on it!) which helps you improve your addition and subtraction skills.

The website address is [www.numbots.com](http://www.numbots.com) and you log on using the username and password you brought home.

First, you need to create your Numbot character and give him a name! As you go through the stages, you collect coins which you can spend on improvements to your robot.

There are 2 play modes. You will start on **story mode**. There are lots of different stages in story mode. Rust is the first stage, then Iron, Tin, Brass, Copper... right up to Diamond. Each stage has lots of different levels, and when you complete each level, the next level is unlocked. Everyone starts on Rust stage- the games start at a VERY easy level, so you should be able to whizz through the first few stages quickly. Each stage gets a little bit harder.

**Challenge mode** is about speed, and you play against the clock. Challenge mode gets unlocked halfway through Tin stage. There are 20 Challenge levels and only the first is unlocked to begin with. To unlock the next Challenge, you must correctly answer 12 questions in a minute. Each challenge gets harder, and focuses on a different maths skill.

The best way to play on Numbots is little and often... 5-10 minutes each day will really improve your number skills and speed of re-call of number facts. It's really fun- you won't feel like you're learning at all!!

Have a go, we'll be checking on your progress every day... Good luck and enjoy!!

Mrs Hunter and Miss Walsh ☺

