

Spring Term Mathematics Newsletter

We are pleased to share an update on mathematics teaching and learning at Sissinghurst Primary School and how you can continue to support your child at home.

Mastering Number @ KS1

This year we have introduced *Mastering Number @ KS1*, and it is going extremely well. This programme focuses on developing children's confidence and fluency with number through short, daily sessions. Pupils explore numbers in depth, learning to recognise patterns, understand number relationships, and develop strong mental calculation skills.

Rather than rushing through lots of different methods, Mastering Number helps children secure a deep understanding of numbers, which forms a vital foundation for all future maths learning. We are already seeing children becoming more confident, articulate, and flexible in their mathematical thinking.

Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars

To support learning beyond the classroom:

- **Numbots** is used in **KS1** to help children build early number sense, counting skills, and fluency in addition and subtraction through engaging online games. [Times Tables Rock Stars: Play](#)
- **Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)** is used in **KS2** to support rapid recall of multiplication and division facts, which is essential for success across the maths curriculum. [Times Tables Rock Stars: Play](#)

Regular, short practice at home on these platforms can make a big difference. Even 5–10 minutes a few times a week is hugely beneficial. If your child has misplaced their login details please ask their class teacher.



Maths Mastery and the Maths Hub

We continue to work closely with our local **Maths Hub** to strengthen our mastery approach to teaching maths across the school. This means lessons are carefully structured so that all children can access learning, concepts are taught in depth, and pupils are encouraged to explain their thinking using correct mathematical language.

This approach helps children build confidence, resilience, and a secure understanding of mathematical concepts rather than relying on memorised procedures.

Helpful Websites for Home Learning

In addition to school platforms, the following websites are excellent for supporting maths at home:

- **BBC Bitesize** – clear explanations, videos, and practice activities for all primary age groups [KS2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)
- **NRICH** – problem-solving activities that encourage mathematical thinking [Primary Parents | NRICH](#)
- **White Rose Maths** – parent guides and videos that align with how we teach concepts in school [Maths home learning | Home learning | White Rose Education](#)

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop a positive attitude towards maths. By working together, we can ensure all children build strong mathematical foundations and confidence.