



Number Sense

This year, we are really developing children's mental recall of number facts. This includes multiplication and division facts but is so much more than just being able to recite your times tables. Each child has a target card, with key areas to work on across the year. It is very important that your child can complete each of these targets as it will help in all areas of their maths. As part of the homework expectations, children should be working on their Number Sense targets each week, along with spellings and reading. To help with how to practise the number facts, take a look at some of these great ideas:



Hit the Button - a very popular, fast-paced game that pupils can complete online (a tablet friendly app is also available) You can work on numberbonds, doubling/halving and tables facts.



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Rocket Rounding - options to choose to round to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and whole number. You can have some support with a numberline or increase the challenge without.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/rocket-rounding>
Explore the Topmarks site for lots of maths based activities.
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

Alien Addition - a great way of increasing your speed for addition facts and number bonds to 20.

<https://www.arcademics.com/games/alien>

Dice or Cards - you can use items at home to begin your games, for example rolling 2 dice, or choosing 2 playing cards and multiplying the values together. You can use these for number bonds as well. Increase the speed and intensity by making it a race!



Oxford Owl - you can find lots of ideas and links to interactive games on the kids activities section. Tasks are arranged by age-group to help you find the right type. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/> This site also has a wealth of other activities, including free e-books so it is definitely worth having a look!



Pumpkin Recycling

This year we are working with Andigestion for the 2018 Halloween Pumpkin Recycling Project. Many people carve and decorate pumpkins at this time of year, and now we have a way to recycle them once they are finished with. We will soon be collecting used pumpkins in a special bin. Once they reach Andigestion the food waste is processed to create energy. Keep an eye out for the special bin to dispose of your used pumpkin.

Parents Evening

It will soon be time for parents' evening to find out how well your child is doing this term. From Monday 1st October you will be able to book your appointment using the V.L.E. For parents in Ash class information about how to log in to the V.L.E will be coming home today.

Harvest Festival

On Friday 12th October we are holding our Harvest Service. Parents are very welcome from 2:30pm. As part of the celebrations we will be collecting donations for the North Cotswold Food Bank who support people in our local community. They are particularly keen to collect tinned meat, tinned pasta and tinned fruit as well as jellies and angel delight. You can check their website for what is needed - and not needed - here:



<https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Book Fair

Just before half-term we will be holding a Book Fair through Travelling Books. The books will be on sale for half an hour after school in the hall from Monday 15th to Friday 19th October. We will also be open during parents evening, so feel free to browse and choose some new books whilst waiting for your slot! There will be some great offers to engage all readers - plus the added benefit of earning new books for the school. The more you spend, the more we can get!



Below is a link for the Book Fair Gift Vouchers - use this to get up to an extra 20% of your money back to spend at the fair and a great way for children at after school club to still be included and not miss out. [Scholastic Gift Voucher](#)

REMINDERS:

Book Bags

Can you please encourage your child to empty their book bags on a regular basis and to make sure that any forms/letters are handed to their class teacher so they can be forwarded to the office. This saves an unnecessary queue of parents in the office during the busy mornings and the office chasing parents unnecessarily!

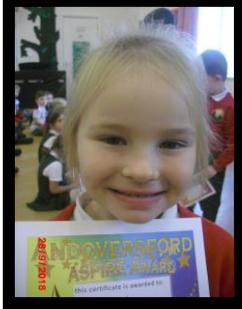


Safety on-site

Can we please remind everybody not to walk through the car park either by themselves or with their children. Please note the marked areas which are in place for no reason other than *the safety of your children*. Please note that bikes/scooters are only to be used outside of the school gate - thank you.



THIS WEEK'S ASPIRE AWARD WINNERS:



*Owen
Davies-Brown*

ASPIRE POINT TOTALS:

Bluebell	Buttercup
109	91
Rose	Thistle
101	99
Whole School Total	
400	