West Kirby Primary School

Maths Reasoning 15.02.17





How did you get on?

Magic Square Challenge



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Parents who are confident about maths tend to have children who are also confident, and these children are ready to tackle and assimilate new ideas in a way that is impossible for children who feel uncertain about, or even fear, maths.'

Aims / Objectives

• To understand what is meant by reasoning, including why it is taught. • To look at the methods we use to teach reasoning in our school. To understand how children deepen their understanding. • To look at ways in which parents / carers can help their children.

Expectations – The National Curriculum

- Become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, including through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time, so that pupils develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately.
- Reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, conjecturing relationships and generalisations, and developing an argument, justification or proof using mathematical language.

Can solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of routine and non-routine problems with increasing sophistication, including breaking down problems into a series of simpler steps and persevering in seeking solutions.

Assessments

Key Stage 1

Paper 1 – Arithmetic (approximately 20 minutes, not strictly timed)
Paper 2 – Reasoning (approximately 35 minutes, not strictly timed) 5 aural questions and approx 30 minutes written.

Key Stage 2

Paper 1 – Arithmetic (30 minutes, 40 marks) Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes, 35 marks) Paper 3 – Reasoning (40 minutes, 35 marks)

However, reasoning is embedded throughout the school...



Critical thinking and reasoning

National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics

"Effective teachers required children to articulate and refine their ideas, focusing on developing their critical thinking and reasoning.

Children need to develop the skills involving mathematical thinking.

Is it true that all prime numbers, other than 2 and 3, are one less or one more than a multiple of 6?



Deepening a problem

Which version involves deeper problem-solving skills and why?

Version 1



Total cost ?









Deepening a problem

Version 2 requires the use of deeper problemsolving skills.

Pupils have to...

- decide where to start.
- think how the total was obtained and work backwards to find the missing cost.
- choose the correct order of steps to tackle the problem.

How to help your child with reasoning



Questioning – How can you help?

When working with your child, you could ask question to deepen their understanding...

- What if...?
- What do you notice ...?
- How do you know ?
- Which do you prefer ?
- Why do you think that ?
- Explain how you got your answer from the information
- Do you still think...
- What is the same / different ?
- Are you sure?
- Convince me...

Response from the children

Encourage your children to discuss their ideas with phrases such as...

- It could be...because...
- It can't be...because...
- It won't work because...
- lf...then...
- It would only work if...
- So...
- In that case...

This develops links to lots of other areas of the curriculum...

Calculations Policy!

http://www.westkirbyprimaryschool.co.uk/website



Workshop Locations

	Location
Early Years Foundation Stage (Resources)	Class 5 / 6
Key Stage 1	Class 5
Lower Key Stage 2	Class 3/4
Upper Key Stage 2	Class 6
Mathletics	Computer suite

Thank you for coming.

 If you have any questions, staff will be available in each of the rooms.

Please feel free to ask the children questions. They'll be happy to explain.