



Lindsworth School

Supporting Numeracy Skills

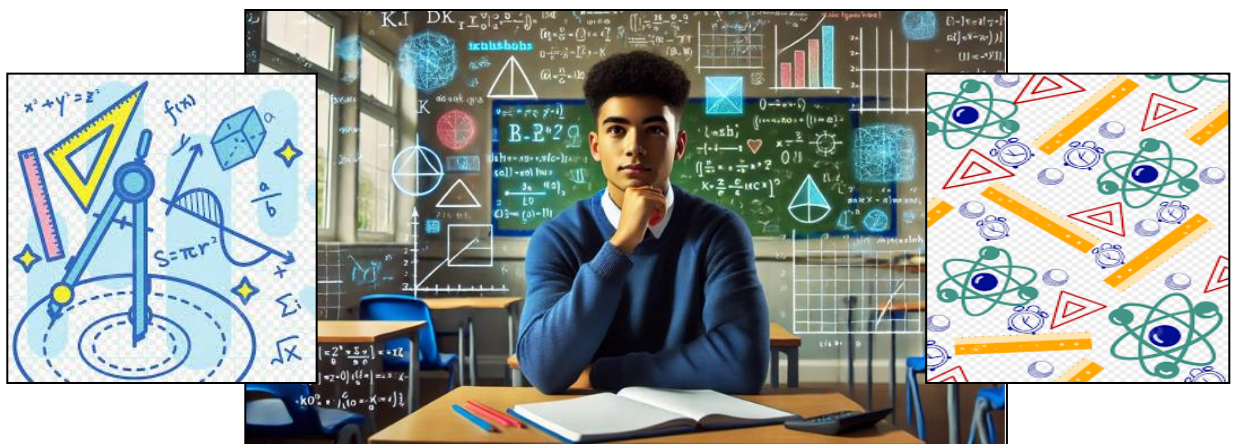
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- Positivity
- Respect
- Independence
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At Lindsworth School, we believe that strong numeracy skills are essential to students' success, not only in maths lessons but in daily life, and we are dedicated to helping every student build these crucial abilities. Numeracy forms a foundation for academic confidence, practical problem-solving, and future career opportunities.

While maths lessons are at the core of developing students' numeracy, our approach goes well beyond the classroom. Each week, we hold dedicated Maths Form Sessions (Ninja Maths); these sessions are designed to reinforce key skills, develop problem-solving techniques and build confidence in using numbers in everyday situations. Students work on skills tailored to their current level and are encouraged to apply their learning in practical, real-world contexts.

As parents and carers, you play an invaluable role in helping students to grow and gain confidence in their numeracy skills. Below are some practical tips for ways to incorporate numeracy practice into your everyday activities at home:



- Numbers are everywhere, and discussing them in everyday contexts can make a big difference. For example, you might ask your child to help with calculating costs while shopping, measuring ingredients for a recipe, or figuring out travel times when planning a journey. These real-world applications can make maths feel relevant and meaningful.





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- Try to promote mental maths in casual conversations, such as estimating totals when shopping or quickly working out time differences for upcoming activities. Practicing mental maths skills regularly helps strengthen students' ability to calculate efficiently and accurately without always relying on a calculator.
- Games that involve numbers can be fun and beneficial. Classic card games like Uno and simple board games such as Monopoly, Yahtzee, and Snakes and Ladders encourage basic counting, addition, and subtraction. You can also explore online maths games that are interactive and enjoyable, providing both fun and learning opportunities.
- Acknowledging effort, persistence, and progress – even small achievements – helps build a positive attitude towards maths. Encourage your child to keep going, even if they find certain skills challenging. Let them know that improvement comes with practice, and celebrate their progress along the way.
- Remind your child that it's perfectly fine to ask questions or seek help when they don't understand something. Encourage open communication with their teachers and reassure them that maths is a subject that everyone can improve in with time and effort.

Here is a list of free maths websites and apps suitable for children and parents/ carers in the UK (the sites support the national curriculum):

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39> (BBC Bitesize)
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> (Hit the Button)
- <https://www.mathsisfun.com/worksheets/index.php> (Maths is Fun)
- <https://mathszone.co.uk/> (Maths Zone)

At Lindsworth School, we are committed to helping every student develop the numeracy skills they need for future success. By working together—through school-led initiatives like our Maths Form Sessions and Mathletes programme, and through support at home—we can ensure that each student builds a strong foundation in numeracy.

