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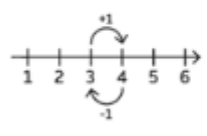
**“Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.”
Albert Einstein**

This week, Mathematics leaders have visited all the classrooms across Chester Park to explore and delve into what happens in our maths lessons. As part of this work, we spoke to children and reviewed learning in mathematics books. What is taught in mathematics is probably quite similar to when you went to school - some of the methods may have changed a little but fundamentally what children learn in mathematics (especially around the concepts linked to number and the four operations; +, -, x and ÷). The productivity of the children was a real strength and seeing how learning built from one year group to the next was also a powerful feature. It was evident that children took pride in their learning and there was good progress over time.

At Chester Park, developing confidence in understanding number and being able to use arithmetic proficiently in order to solve problems is a key part of our curriculum. Along the mathematical journey, children learn some strategies to help them with mathematics. There are 12 key strategies that we use to support our learners in developing good methods to tackle mathematics. Each week, for the next twelve weeks, we will share a specific strategy with you.

**This week the
More, One**

One More, One Less



When we add one, we get the next counting number.
When we subtract one, we get the previous counting number (e.g. $5 - 1 = 4$).

**focus is One
Less...**

While this focuses on One More and One Less - the principle can be used for more complex mathematics that is more suited to older pupils - this is the same for all the strategies. So, this could be explored as Ten More, Ten Less or 0.01 more and 0.01 Less (the principle helps children appreciate the relative value of a number, its place on a number line and its proximity to other numbers. If you have any queries about how mathematics is taught, you can find out more next week at our Share our Learning Evenings. This is a great opportunity to ask an expert, your child's class teacher!

Yours in partnership,
Mike McNama, Headteacher

Donations Needed at Infant School



We are looking for any unwanted, in good condition board games or puzzles to use in school. If you have any please hand them in at the school office. We would really appreciate your support. Thank you.



Basketball Event

There is a basketball event for girls aged 7–17, they can go along, get involved, and have fun trying basketball. After the session, the girls will be able to stay and watch the Bristol Flyers Women play for free. There will also be a small cash tuck shop, and members of the women's team will be there to support the event. More information is at the back of this newsletter



Friends of Chester Park Cake Sale



This week, the friends of Chester Park held a cake sale at both schools. Although it was a wet day, the cakes were very popular! We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped to organise the event and to everyone who took the time to bake or buy cakes to donate. We really appreciate your support. We will update you all with the amount raised soon.

Term 3 After School Clubs

To book a space for a club in Term 4, you will need to book through the Arbor App. From 6pm on 9th of February, the clubs will be available for your child. Please ensure you have downloaded the Arbor app in time to make a booking. If you have any issues with this please contact the school office. Thank you.

Term 4 After School Clubs

Monday 23/02, 02/03, 09/03, 16/03, 23/03	Tuesday 24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03	Wednesday 25/02, 04/03, 11/03, 18/03, 25/03	Thursday 26/02, 05/03, 12/03, 26/03 – NO CLUB 19/03 INSET DAY
Games Club – Miss Gordon Junior School – Years 3,4,5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 16 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Yoga Club – Miss Willcox Infant School – Years 1 & 2 3.15-4pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Football - Mr Lee Junior School - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 30 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £10 total	Creative Club – Ms Rogers Infant School – Reception Year 3.15-4pm Max 20 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £8 total
			Gardening Club – Ms Price-Lee Infant School – Years 1 & 2 3.15-4pm Max 12 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £8 total
			Lego Club – Mrs Adjei Junior School – Years 3,4,5 & 6 3.25-4.10pm Max 15 Children This cost will be £2 per week = £8 total







Share our Learning Evenings

We will be holding our Share Our Learning evenings on **Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th February 2026 from 3.30pm at the Infant School and 3.40pm at the Junior School**. This is a 10 minute appointment for you to speak with your child's class teacher and to look at the work they have completed so far this year.

Booking is now open and needs to be made through the **Arbor app**.

[Book Online](#) 

Tuesday 10th February—Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm
Thursday 12th February— Share our Learning Evening 3.30-6pm
Friday 13th February—End of Term 3
Monday 23rd February—Start of Term 4
Monday 2nd March—Iftar at Infant School—5.30pm
Thursday 5th March—World Book Day— Children can dress as a book character for the day!
9th –13th March—Book Fair at Infant School
Friday 13th March—Red Nose Day
Thursday 19th March— Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils
Friday 20th March—Inset Day—School Closed to all pupils
Monday 23rd March—Eid Party & Coffee Morning—More information to follow.
Thursday 26th March—Friends of CPIS Easter Cake Sale after school at both schools
Thursday 2nd April—End of Term 4
Monday 20th April—Start of Term 5
Tuesday 19th May—Infant School Sports Day
Wednesday 20th May—Junior School Sports Day
Friday 22nd May—End of Term 5
Monday 1st June—Start of Term 6
1st—5th June—Chester Park Belonging Week—More information to follow
Friday 5th June—Belonging Picnic and Summer Fair from 2pm
Tuesday 21st July—End of Term 6

	Dojo Hero 	Pot of Gold 		Dojo Hero 	Gold Card 
Class	Infant School		Class	Junior School	
Badger	Nina		Pine	Oscar	Emrys, Nadia, Jasmine
Rabbit	Ellis	Malaya	Willow	Bautista	Theo, Isla
Squirrel	Jezeiah		Cedar	Elijah, Angelo	Arthur, Otis, Minal
Bumblebee	Ivan	Summer, Mohammad Z	Hazel	Zoey	Eelaf, Cora
Hedgehog	Rosie		Chestnut	Michael	Kian, Rhakye
Otter	Evelyn	Layla H	Hawthorn	Luisa	Radina, Damilola
Owl	Nadiat	Annabelle	Sycamore	Celine	Alex, Anna
Fox	Minahil	Marley, Charlie, Ruby	Maple	Andreas	Izzy, Crawford
Ducklings	Mubarak	Ayyub, Noah	Ash	Meena	Beth, Alby
			Whitebeam	Michael	Ali, Crystal
			Hornbeam	Albie	Jackson, Onika, Zayaan
Congratulations to this weeks winners!			Oak	Shayla	Elias, Naomi

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Badger	92.0%	Pine	98.5%
Rabbit	84.5%	Willow	97.1%
Squirrel	92.6%	Cedar	89.0%
Bumblebee	97.0%	Hazel	90.3%
Hedgehog	94.1%	Chestnut	94.2%
Otter	96.9%	Hawthorn	94.5%
Owl	99.3%	Sycamore	98.1%
Fox	88.6%	Maple	93.0%
		Ash	93.8%
		Whitebeam	95.5%
		Hornbeam	91.2%



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IFTAR

JOIN US IN OPENING OUR FAST TOGETHER

MONDAY 2ND MARCH

(5:30PM @ THE INFANT SCHOOL)

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AND NUT FREE DISH TO
SHARE



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12th February

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with Mixed Green Vegetables

Or

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