

# Welcome to the Maths newsletter

## Spring 2024

This newsletter is going to focus on how you, as parents and carers, can support your child's maths learning at home. We will look at 'real life' maths- focusing on telling the time.

### Telling the time

This starts in Reception where the children learn about the days of the week, and the months of the year.

Here is a [link](#) to a song where children can practise the days of the week. It uses the tune from the Addams Family and it's a very catchy way to sing the days of the week in order!



In Year 1, children learn to tell the time to the o'clock and half past.

They learn to do this on an analogue clock (a clock with hands and numbers.)

In Year 2, the children begin to use the terms quarter past and quarter to, before moving on to telling the time to 5-minute intervals (5 past, 10 past... 25 to, 20 to ,,, etc.)



Lots of practise at home- and maybe getting a watch- will help children to recognise the times more easily.

In Key Stage 2, this moves on to reading digital times, and 24 hour clock times.



Departures	
Due	Destination
09:28*	Cheltenham Spa
09:32*	Bristol T Meads
09:37*	Paignton
09:40	Heathrow Airport
09:43	Twyford

These skills are important for being able to read bus and train timetables as the children move on to High School and beyond.

## How you can help at home:

- Refer to times at home. For example- We are having breakfast, so it must be quarter to 8, it's time to set off to school so it must be half past 8, it's time to have tea so it's 5 o'clock..

This helps children to understand the timings of a day.

- Look at clocks around the house and talk about them. Look at the microwave and oven clocks, and if possible have a clock in your child's bedroom.

Look at where the hands are when it is o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and other times.



- Practise counting to 60. Being able to count in 5s to 60 is vital for telling the time to 5-minute intervals. It also helps them to learn their 5-times tables too!
- Use a timer when cooking or baking so that children develop an idea of how long a minute/ 5 minutes/ 10 minutes actually is.

Here is a link to the [Topmarks](#) website where there are lots of different games and activities to support telling the time.

Here is another link to [Mathsframe](#) where there are more activities linked to telling the time.



A reminder... I cannot emphasise enough the importance of children from Y2 onwards learning their times tables off by heart. Children should be on TTRockstars several times each week, and should be able to answer the questions within 6 seconds. If you need your child's login details, please speak to your child's teacher.