

# The WHPS Weekly

Friday 1st of December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the end of another busy week. This week's WHPS Weekly is dedicated to Maths at West Hampstead. Over the next few pages, you'll learn about some key learning our children do in maths, as well as some exciting maths-related events!

This week in years 3-6, the children took part in a vote to elect their class representative for the eco-committee. Today in assembly the representatives were introduced to the school and they shared their vision to make our school a more eco-friendly place to be. We can't wait to see what they do!

I'm sure you will have noticed, but the cold weather has officially arrived. I want to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about playtime and PE in the cold weather. Providing that it is dry, PE and playtime will continue to take place outside. When it is particularly cold, PE lessons are adapted so that adult input is delivered inside the classroom before/after the children are outside. This is to ensure that the children are active and moving from the moment the outside lesson commences. Please ensure that your child comes to school in/with appropriate clothing for the weather. This may include black/grey/navy leggings and/or long sleeve tops under the usual PE kit. Children are also encouraged to bring hats and gloves. As with all items of uniform, please ensure that these are named.

Next week, there are no after school clubs.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Hannah Bones (Deputy Headteacher)

## EVENTS NEXT WEEK

### NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- MONDAY:** Danube Class Swimming PM
- TUESDAY:** 9:15-10:15 Prospective Parent Tour  
3:00-6:00pm Football Tournament @Talacre  
6:00-7:00pm Meet the Parents
- WEDNESDAY:** Thames Class Swimming PM
- FRIDAY:** 9:10 Formal opening of Aston Stuart's Mural  
**Christmas Jumper Day**  
2:45-3:15 Golden Time  
**3:30-6pm Christmas Fair**

# Maths at West Hampstead Primary School

## A Moment of Maths:

What maths do you see in this game of dominoes?



Do you have dominoes at home? They are a fun way to build in maths language into play time:

doubles

halves

the same as/equal to

'Don't count, say the amount' (subitising - counting by recognising dot patterns)

## What is subitising?

Subitising is a key early learning skill we focus on at West Hampstead Primary School. Studies have found that most adults can subitise groups of items up to five. This is known as perceptual subitising. Beyond five, other mental strategies come into play for identifying the number of items in a group without counting them individually. These require some understanding of grouping and basic mathematics. For instance, when we see six dots on a die, we actually break this down into two groups of three which, when combined, gives us six. This is known as conceptual subitising and is an essential element for developing mathematical skills.

Reference: <https://www.yellow-door.net/blog/what-is-subitising/>

Can you use your perceptual subitising skills here? Remember 'Don't count, say the amount!'

(These images are taken from Reception and Y1 slides used regularly at school)

Now have a go at these trickier examples. How do you see the amounts? You'll need to use your conceptual subitising skills.



Subitising helps us when we use our Rekenreks (abacus-like models which help us build our knowledge of numbers to 20 in Reception and KS1). We start with our Rekenrek in the ready position like this:



And use one push with one finger, to build a number, using our subitising skills.



The children said they knew this was 7 because 'five plus two is equal to seven', 'five is a part, two is a part and seven is the whole' and 'the reds show five so I just needed 2 more'.

More information about how we use our Rekenreks in this quick video [here](#).

## Christmas Maths

For the past few years, all pupils have taken part in Christmas themed maths lessons, exploring the maths within tetrahedrons and snowflakes. Take a look at some of the wonderful creations made below:



This year, the children will get to explore tessellation using the christmas tree shape! We will combine our crafted trees, tessellating them carefully, to create larger works of mathematical art. Come along to the WinterFest to see them for yourself.

## Maths Hubs Work Groups - Teachers come to WHPS to learn about Maths

You may have noticed some groups of teachers visiting West Hampstead Primary School in November. Miss Kwa has hosted teachers from Barnet, Hargay, Islington, Enfield, Camden and Westminster to support them in their Maths teaching as part of her work with the [London Central and NW Maths Hub](#).

Year 4 Danube Class welcomed the visiting teachers into their maths lessons twice over recent weeks. The lessons the teachers studied included these representations. Can you work out what we were learning about? (answers at the end\*)

Danube class really impressed the visitors with their excellent learning behaviour and meeting the high expectations set for them during the lesson. Well done Danube class!

### Lesson on 21st November:

21.11.23

Previous Learning

There are \_\_\_\_ bags.

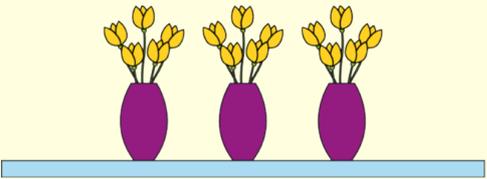
There are \_\_\_\_ apples in each bag.

There are \_\_\_\_ apples altogether.

×  =  \_\_\_\_ groups of \_\_\_\_

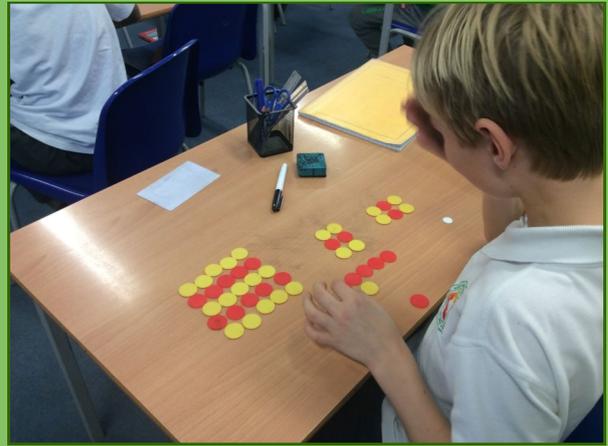
×  =  \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ times

## Lesson on 28th November:



$3 \times 5 = 15$                        $5 \times 3 = 15$   
3 groups of 5 are equal to 15      Five, 3 times, is equal to 15

$3 \times 5 = 5 \times 3$



### **Some feedback from the visiting teachers:**

What is your main 'take away' from the lesson you saw and our discussion of it?

The methods to pace and structure a lesson for all.  
The importance of the lesson design and how we engage all learners through this  
The importance of visuals, vocab and small steps with variation  
I feel I already have a wealth of ideas to take away and implement  
It has made me think about how I can easily tweak my lessons to be more inclusive and enable all abilities in the same lesson.  
I've been able to see a lesson design where the importance of engagement from all was core.  
I will build in more pictorial representations to support children in making connections.

Thank you! I really enjoyed the session and I have a lot to take back for my personal teaching and to discuss with my team.

More of these sessions will take place in the Spring and Summer terms. To find out more about the Maths Hub, [click here](#).

## The Spring Slam 2024

# SPRING SLAM

The annual and much awaited Spring Slam will take place in the spring term of 2024. Children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take part in a times tables challenge each week with a chance of being part of the winning class in their year group. There will also be an opportunity for bronze, silver and gold individual awards. Year 4 have a special opportunity to compete with other Camden schools. Year 4 is the year when children have been taught all of their times tables and take the Multiplication Tables Check, a national test. [Click here](#) for more information. There will be an MTC meeting scheduled for January for parents/carers in Year 4 - keep an eye on your emails in December!

### Why are times tables so important?

If children know their times tables in a way that they don't need to 'work out' the answer and just 'know it', they can explore any area of maths with more ease. Fast recall of times tables facts means your brain doesn't have to work hard with them and instead, can work hard on new learning or tricky maths. If you don't need to spend time working out times tables facts, solving a complex problem can become much more manageable.

Click [here](#) to see a poster of top tips for learning times tables, perfect for Y3 and 4.

### Maths Apps for Home Learning

A reminder of some of our most recommended apps for Maths home learning.

- [1 minute maths](#) - This is super for embedding EYFS and KS1 maths facts.
- [Hit the button](#) Great for practising KS1 and KS2 quick recall of number facts. We use this a lot at school. It works best when children know the answers already, they're just practising recalling them faster.
- [Lightbot](#) Excellent for practising problem solving, logical working and computational thinking. What level can you reach?

[Numberblocks World](#) is an app linked to all things Numberblocks, just like on TV. Note: free to download but offers in app purchases for full access. You can watch all Numberblocks episodes on [Iplayer](#) for free.

- [Stick and Split](#) - this is a great game which supports recall of multiplication and division facts. All children should know their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of year 4. Year 3 and 4 children have log in details already but please note there is a small charge to use the app if you're not in those year groups.

### \*What were Y4 learning about?

On 21st November, Y4 were learning about the structure of the 7x table. We don't only chant and practice recall of times tables facts, but also what multiplicative thinking means and how we can use these facts to solve problems.

On 28th November, Y4 were learning about the commutative law and focussing on what each number in a multiplication equation represents. We used language like this:

factor x factor = product

multiply      divide

the law of commutativity



## WEST HAMPSTEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL COME AND MEET OUR FAMILIES ON TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 6-7PM

Ask our students and parents any questions!



We would like to invite you to a very special evening. This event is for all parents and carers who are looking to choose a primary school for their children and would like to find out more about West Hampstead Primary School.

You will get the chance to visit the school, meet the headteacher and speak to current parents and children about the school. The event is in the evening so that all working parents can attend.

Light refreshments will be provided!



'Behaviour in lessons and at all other times of the school day is of a high standard. Pupils are polite and well-mannered.' OFSTED March 2022

Book online using the QR code or email  
[admin@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@westhampstead.camden.sch.uk)

**Aspiration, Responsibility, Consideration, Resilience & Community**

Click on the link below link for the Meet our families event :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/meet-our-families-tickets-753187623457>



SEND A LETTER TO

**SANTA**

Pick up your letter template  
from the school office and  
post it before 1st December to  
get a reply.

**POST OFFICE BOX IN SCHOOL  
OFFICE AREA**

Last collection:  
**Friday 1st December**

Join West Hampstead PSA's

# WINTERFEST

Friday 8th December 3:30 - 6pm

## Sweet treats

- Mince Pies
- Fairy Cakes
- Gingerbread Trees



- PLUS Gingerbread decorating!

## Entertainment

- Performances
- Dad Band
- Games and Scavenger hunt

## Hot Drinks

- Hot Chocolate
- Spiced Chai
- Mulled Wine



## Silent DISCO

## Hot Food

- Hot Dogs
- Chicken Tikka
- Vegetable Curry
- Mexican Beef
- Christmas cake
- Carrot cake



## Bar

- Beer
- Wine



Raffle and Tombola  
Tickets £1



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Friday 8th December

3:30 - 6pm

West Hampstead Primary, Dornfell St, NW6 1QL



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# Join West Hampstead PSA's **WINTERFEST**

## Raffle prizes

Friday 8th December 3:30 - 6pm

### Top prizes

- **Class donations** - Rainbow Hampers x 7
- **Paramount Estates Agent** - Kindle Fire 7
- **Babylon Park** - £50 voucher tokens
- **The Unicorn Theatre** - Family ticket to The Bolds

### Other prizes

- **Art4 fun** - 4 x Entry vouchers
- **Belmont Farm** - Family ticket and animal feed
- **BJJ Martial Arts** - Trial class for 6 children (Wed only)
- **Camden Town Brewery** - Tour voucher x 2
- **City Boulderling Westfield** - 1 child session (with instructor)
- **City Boulderling Westfield** 2 adults + 2 child climb (walk-in)
- **David's Deli** - £20 voucher
- **David Lloyd** - Family 7-day membership
- **Dominion Theatre** - 2x Elf tickets for Thur 4th Jan 2:30
- **Flip Out** - 2x child vouchers
- **Hampstead Butcher** - £50 voucher
- **Headmasters, West Hampstead** - £40 voucher
- **Hobbledown Heath** - 2x general admission
- **Hong Lui Pilates** - 1-2-1 session
- **Hullabaloo** - 4x passes
- **Lexi Theatre** - 4 tickets
- **Little Angel Theatre** - 4x tickets
- **Puppet Theatre Barge** - 1 adult & 1 child ticket
- **Revel Puck Circus** - 4x tickets, Wing Scuffle Spectacular, Victoria Park
- **Streethunt Scavenger Hunts** - 2x tickets
- **The Alliance** - 1 course meal for 4

Tickets **£1** each  
Draw takes place  
at WINTERFEST  
Fri 8th Dec

Tickets for  
Grandparents,  
Neighbours and  
friends available  
from the school  
office!

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Ziggy, collecting one of the top  
Winterfest raffle prizes

**Kindle Fire 7**

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Paramount Estate Agents



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# WINTERFEST

## Rainbow Hampers



Every year group is making a colourful hamper for our raffle! If you'd like to join in, please bring something in your hamper's colour - like food, drinks, or a small toy.

Please make sure it's not old, open, or can spoil.

**Deadline Thursday 7th December**

Here are the colours for each year:

Nursery	Gold or Silver
Reception	Red
Year 1	Orange
Year 2	Yellow
Year 3	Green
Year 4	Blue
Year 5	Pink
Year 6	Purple



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## **Families, Food & Feelings Parenting Workshop**

**Free online session for parents and carers of children aged 5-17 who live in, are registered with a GP or attend school in Islington or Camden. This workshop is suitable for parents of children or teens who are above a healthy weight.**

**Date: 5th December  
Time: 10:00-12:00  
Online**

**The friendly facilitators provide strategies and insight to help parents feel confident in:**

- **Making mealtimes enjoyable**
- **Setting healthy boundaries**
- **Encouraging children and young people to eat more fruit and vegetables**
- **Modelling healthy behaviours**
- **Understanding emotional eating**
- **Helping children and young people to have a healthy relationship with food and more...**

Register via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h3u6cuwYcEajMx1Axlikm74zITBVDgZDn8q3fVVBGQRBUOFdTUDBQUUtVOEtGME5MTFNRUUZaTzdCMiQIQCNOPWcu>

**Email [brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net](mailto:brandoncentre.healthyliving@nhs.net) for more information**

**URGENT CHRISTMAS APPEAL FROM CAMDEN FOODBANK  
PLEASE HELP US TO FEED ADULTS & CHILDREN IN FOOD POVERTY**

**What food is needed and why?**

Camden Foodbank make up longlife emergency food parcels to support local people in food crisis. In order to make up well balanced food packages we need any of the items listed below:

**Targeted food needed by Camden Foodbank at Christmas time:**

Tinned Meat	Tea/Coffee	Longlife Juice
Tinned Fish	Sugar	Longlife Milk
Tinned Fruit	Cereal	Cooking Oil
Tinned Tomatoes	Baked Beans	Shampoo
Pasta Sauce	Christmas present for Children	Shower Gel/Soap
Pasta/Rice	Christmas Biscuits	Toothbrush
Washing up Liquid	Christmas Sweets	Toothpaste
Washing Powder		Toilet Paper

**What are the different ways you can donate food to help local people at Christmas?**

- i. Purchase targeted food listed above and Deliver in person,
- ii. Purchase targeted food listed above and Send through Internet shopping.

**How to donate money?**

**INDIVIDUAL GIVING THROUGH JUST GIVING** for Camden Foodbank click on <https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3443418> 100% of your donation will go directly to Camden Foodbank. We would be grateful if you can also select **GIFT AID** which will increase your donation

**FOR CHEQUES/DIRECT DEBITS AND OTHER WAYS OF GIVING** <https://camden.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

**EVERY £40 RECEIVED IN CASH DONATIONS PAYS FOR ONE EMERGENCY PACKAGE\***



A well balanced 3-day emergency for 1 person could mirror the photo above. (Cost per package may vary according to availability\*).

**Where can the food be delivered to and what times? \***

**Deliver Food in Person:**

Day	Time	Address
Tuesday & Friday	11.30 am to 3.00 pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.
Wednesday	3.00 pm to 7.00 pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, London NW1 0JN.
Saturday	10.00 am to 12.00 pm	Camden Town Methodist Church, Wesley Hotel Camden Town, 89 Plender Street, London NW1 0JN.
Sunday	10.00 am to 12.00 pm	Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.

**Send by Internet Shopping:**

Any Tuesday or Friday 11.30 am to 2.00 pm Camden Foodbank, 14 Pratt Mews, London NW1 0AD.

Camden Foodbank is closed for Christmas from 23rd December 2023 and open again 9th January 2024. \*



Camden foodbank  
14 Pratt Mews  
London NW1 0AD  
07871 248704 (Food deliveries only)  
[info@camden.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@camden.foodbank.org.uk)  
[www.camden.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.camden.foodbank.org.uk)  
Registered Charity in  
England & Wales (1084806)



**Christmas  
TREE APPEAL 2023**

**Please support the Christmas Tree Appeal this year.**

The MPS is working in partnership with The Childhood Trust to provide Christmas presents for children in London who are experiencing poverty.

To donate scan the code or visit  
[www.metchristmastreeappeal.org/donate](http://www.metchristmastreeappeal.org/donate)

