

# Welcome to the Primary Maths Parent Workshop



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Aims of the workshop

- Introduce the curriculum at BSB Shunyi
- A brief overview of why we approach Maths in a particular way

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- Look at the developmental Stages of Maths
- What are the 3 stages we use at BSB Shunyi?

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- What is the concrete stage?
- What is the pictorial stage?
- What is the abstract stage?
- How students are challenged further reasoning and application
- How you can help your child at home
- questions

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How many pears?
How many fingers?
Who is taller?
1, 2, 3, 4, \_\_\_\_\_\_

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- Discussion
- Problem Solving
- Paired/group work
- NRich/Youcube activities

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Our Brains Think about Math Visually Our Stanford University

Talk it, solve it Talk it 1a Year 4

I am less than 90	My digits add up to an odd number		
I am even	I am more than 70		
My tens digit is odd	If you rounded me to the nearest ten you would get 70		
My tens digit is greater than my ones digit	Count up or down in fours from 60 and you get to me		





### Not good at Maths

Students rarely cry about other subjects – they have a belief that Maths is about memorisation and speed.

However, in English, we learn by using words in different situations – why should Maths be any different.

For example: How can you make 8?

### Let's play a game with dice









Building fraction number sense  $\frac{4}{12}$   $\frac{3}{5}$   $\frac{2}{3}$ 

### The difference between number fluency and number

### sense

**Number Fluency** 

Quick recall of memorised facts.

What is 7 x 7 =

21 - 16 = counting backwards

Number sense

Being able to use numbers flexibly in a wide variety of different ways.

How can you make 49?

21-16 = 20-15 = 5

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**Developmental Stages and** Neurological **Pathways** 

Scientific research has proven that the best times for brain growth and change are when people are working on challenging content, making mistakes, correcting them, moving on, making more mistakes and always working in areas of high challenge.

When working on a mathematical problem, at least 5 different pathways in the brain are involved – including 2 that are visual.

When students can make connections between these brain regions, seeing, for example, a mathematical idea in numbers and in pictures, more productive and powerful brain connections develop.

Everyone Can Learn Maths To Hiah Levels! There is no such thing as a maths person! This is how we grow maths brains. When we learn, one of three things happen [2] A brain pathway

(3) Different brain

pathways connect

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brain pathway:





When people use gesture, drawing, visuals, models, movements, building, there are more opportunities for the brain to make important connections that are not made when they only encounter numbers in symbolic form.

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It is important to remember that we are all very different and this can mean that children will reach different developmental stages at different times.

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A student who achieves a certain knowledge through free investigation and spontaneous effort will later be able to return it. An acquired methodology that serves him/her for the rest of his/her life. Piaget



### **The 3 Stages of Development**

Within each topic that we teach in Maths, we ensure that the 3 stages for each area are covered.

- Concrete (hands on)
- Pictorial (Drawing)
- Abstract (Formal methods)

Using this process, there is a build-up to create the most cognitive links.







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As part of the CPA approach, new concepts are introduced through the use of physical objects or practical equipment. These can be physically handled, enabling children to explore different mathematical concepts. These are sometimes referred to as maths manipulatives and can include ordinary household items such as straws or dice, or specific mathematical resources such as dienes or numicon.











Concrete resources can be used in a great variety of ways at every level. All children, regardless of ability, benefit from the use of practical resources in ensuring understanding goes beyond the learning of a procedure.

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Practical resources promote reasoning and discussion, enabling children to articulate and explain a concept. Teachers are also able to observe the children in order to gain a greater understanding of where misconceptions lie and to establish the depth of their understanding.













**Pictorial- The 'seeing' stage** 

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In maths, teachers often refer to pictorial representations. As the name suggests, this means that the **children are looking at a picture (or visual representation) to help them solve the calculation**. This could be a drawing of objects to be counted, but could also be a bar model, a part-whole diagram or base ten drawings.



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### Abstract- The 'symbolic' stage

Once children have a secure understanding of the concept through the use of concrete resources and visual images, they are then able to move on to the abstract stage. Here, children are using abstract symbols to model problems – usually numerals. To be able to access this stage effectively, children need access to the previous two stages alongside it. For the most effective learning to take place, children need to constantly go back and forth between each of the stages. This ensures concepts are reinforced and understood.













### **Reasoning/Challenge**

It is essential that children are challenged to further develop neurological pathways by applying what they already know to new challenges.







Let's have a go

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### **3 Block Towers**

You need some coloured blocks, three different colours, maybe <u>red</u>, <u>green</u> and <u>blue</u>.

Make a tower using one of each colour.

Here's one with <u>red</u> on top, <u>blue</u> in the middle and <u>green</u> on the bottom.

Now make another tower with a *different* colour on top.

How many different towers can you make?

When you are sure you have found them all, try it with **four colours**.

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How to Help at home

Hands on activities

Books

**Question Books** 

## How to help your child develop Maths skills at home at home



# Questions



