

# Number Clubs



## What are Number clubs?

Number clubs is a system we have used successfully in St. Johns for many years. The aim is to develop children's key skills in number. These mental skills and number facts form the basis of all maths. Children who can recall calculations, such as multiplication facts, can perform more confidently and accurately when using these facts in other areas such as written calculations or in calculating measures.

## Which year groups do Number Clubs?

The Number Clubs run from Y1 to Y6. Each number club practices a particular target e.g. 'Making 10 Club' practises pairs of numbers that total 10. They are organised in year groups which match the Curriculum expectations. Your child may however be working on a target from a previous year, if this target has not yet been attained. It is important that children have mastered targets before moving forward to more difficult targets.

## How does it work?

Your child will be given a copy of the Number Club which reflects their target. The aim is that you will work alongside your child to support them in achieving their target. Although children will be doing work in school to attain their target, regular practice at home has proven to be the key to success. On a certain day each week, this will vary between classes, your child will be tested on their club. This is a timed test of 3 to 6 minutes depending on the objective and number of questions. Their score is recorded and we encourage children to try and beat their previous score. A copy of their number club will be sent home, this allows you to track your child's progress and support them with the facts/calculations they are finding difficult.

## What happens when they have achieved their target?

Once a child has got all the questions correct in two tests, they have achieved their target and are awarded with a certificate during Friday's award assembly. The expectation is that children achieve all the number clubs in their year group, which is around 6, by the end of the school year. If they are achieving more than this expectation, they become a number club whiz and their hard work is celebrated in our newsletter.

## How can we support our children?

It is important to practice your child's target regularly. This could just be a few minutes two or three times a week. Activities could include:

- Verbal questioning and answering, this could be done on the journey to school.
- Written completion of a club, correcting any errors
- Using practical resources such as counters, fruit or money
- Websites or Apps for tablets
- Songs/rhymes for learning times tables
- Playing board games