Year 2 Maths

Dear Parents,

Below are some of the strategies that have been taught in school to support your child solve problems based around the 4 concepts- addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We hope this might help you!

Partitioning a number into tens and ones:



You can do this with any 2 digit number. Start by seeing how many tens there are (4, draw 4 sticks of ten), then count the ones (6), draw 6 cubes of one). Then carry across the stick of ten to make a new number on the other side of the + sign. Partitioning helps understand how a number is made up. It also helps with addition and subtraction.



Multiplication	Division
E.g. Question: $3 \times 2 =$	12 \div 2 = (share the 12 equally between 2 plates)
3 sets of 2 is represented by: (drawing an array and writing the multiples next to it)	Here the children have drawn 12 objects (lines) and they need to be shared between 2 people. Cross through the line and add a / to 1 plate, repeat until all
xx 2	12 have been shared equally. Count up the total in
xx 4	each plate to find the answer.
xx 6	
2 + 2 + 2 = 6 (repeated addition)	
3 x 2 = 6 (multiplication sentence)	
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3 x 2 = 6 (count in 2's, 3 times)	multiples, instead of drawing lines and circles. For this problem, they would count in 2s and stop at 12.
2, 4, 6	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12
They also may just know the answer by working it out in their heads!	You would then ask 'How many times did we count in 2's? = 6

Additional support:

Find $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes and objects (fold a circle or a square, cut up a pizza, share a box of raisins or smarties- the children know that $\frac{1}{2}$ is 1 of 2 equal parts, they take 1 section of the 2 parts).

Tell the time to o'clock, quarter to, quarter past and half past and then to the nearest 5 minutes if they can. - Use a clock with hands to help. The long hand is the minute hand, the short hand points to the hour.

Recognise and use coins to make a total: 10p and 5p = 15p 'Is there another way?' 'What is the most efficient/best way?'

Half turns, quarter turns, whole turns, three quarter turns (anti-clockwise and clockwise)- Can do this physically in your house or garden.

Recall pairs of numbers for any 2 digit number up to 20 (14 + 6 = 20, 12 + 4 = 16)

Know doubles and halves of numbers up to 20

Counting to 100 from 0 and backwards

Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s from 0