

MATHS MASTERY AT NEW VALLEY

On Wednesday 25th January, 26 parents and carers joined the New Valley teachers to find out more about 'Maths Mastery'. This is a new approach we are taking to teaching and learning in maths this year.

This approach depends on:

- Spending longer on a topic to allow children to **become confident and fluent** in understanding and using the most important mathematical concepts;
- Giving all children the opportunity to use **practical equipment and visual resources** to help develop their understanding and skills.

Children must master the curriculum for their year group, so that they have firm foundations to build on the following year.



At the meeting, Mrs Dubben, who leads maths at New Valley, explained the principles of maths mastery, and then led parents/carers and staff through examples of the sort of problem-solving activities the children are tackling in school every day.

Best of all, parents and carers had the chance to actually do some maths, including using some of the apparatus and resources the children use.



Everyone who responded said they found the evening **'very useful'** in understanding and supporting their children's learning.

Many thanks to all of those families who came to the evening and joined in so actively.

The slides from the presentation, including practical examples you can try at home, can be found alongside this document.



And here's a little problem for you to talk about at home...

Asif and Sarah were given some books. They shared them out equally, but had one left over. How many books could they have been given?

When their friend Paul joined them, they shared them out again between the three of them; this time there were 2 books left over. How many books could there have been this time?