

# Literacy and Numeracy

## A guide for parents



### What is the Literacy and Numeracy Framework?

A framework which has been designed by the Welsh Government so that our children develop excellent literacy and numeracy skills during their time at school. It provides all learners aged 5-14 years with clear annual expected outcomes for literacy and numeracy.

Schools will use the Framework to make sure that the teaching of literacy and numeracy skills is included in all subjects across the curriculum rather than focused on English, Welsh and Maths lessons alone.

### Contact Book

Your child's Contact Book contains a section on Literacy and Numeracy that can be used to help with homework, learn useful spelling and grammar rules, and to revise times tables!



### What are the National Reading and National Numeracy Tests?

#### National Reading Test (NRT)

All pupils from Year 2 to Year 9 sit a reading test in May.

#### National Numeracy Test (NNT)

All pupils from Year 2 to Year 9 sit a Numeracy test and Reasoning test in May. The tests come in two parts: one testing their procedural knowledge (number skills) and the other testing their numerical reasoning (solving problems).

### How will I find out the results of these tests?

You will receive a report on each test generated by the Welsh government. This will include:

- A standardised score.
- An age equivalent score.
- An indicator of how your child has achieved in comparison with children of a similar age.

The Welsh government's report will be in addition to your child's annual report written by their teachers.



# Helping your child

## Numeracy.

- ◆ The most important thing to do is help your child to feel positive about maths and have fun with it whenever possible.
- ◆ Give your child the opportunity to use and talk about maths every day.
- ◆ Try to encourage children to:

**Sort**—into groups, into order, and comparing and measuring.

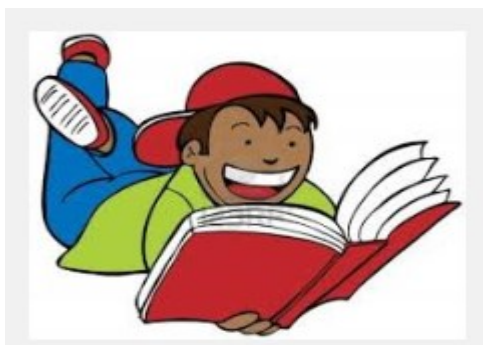
**Calculate**— adding, subtracting, multiplying, dividing.

**Organise** and understand information.

Look for **patterns** and relationships between numbers.

## Literacy

- ◆ Establish a regular time and place for reading sessions.
- ◆ Keep on hand a variety of reading materials: newspapers, magazines, atlases, joke books.
- ◆ Share your love of reading. Let your child see you reading and talk about which books you enjoyed reading when you were their age.
- ◆ Have frequent conversations—allow children to express feelings, opinions and thoughts.
- ◆ Play word games such as hangman, scrabble, crosswords, wordsearches and anagrams.



## Apps to support

- Puppet Pals (speaking skills, thinking skills)
- Comic Life (Literacy skills—writing)
- Maths Bingo (Numeracy Skills)
- Spellosaur (Literacy)
- My Spelling Test (Literacy)
- Mathemagics (Numeracy)
- Mathletics (Numeracy)
- Explain Everything (Thinking skills and Numeracy)
- My Story (Thinking skills and Literacy)
- A+ Spelling Test (Literacy)
- Sumdog (Literacy and Numeracy)
- BKS Live (Literacy and Numeracy)

## Thinking Skills

Ask your child questions to make them think and express ideas—questions such as:

- ◆ If this is the answer...what could the question be?
- ◆ Can you invent something to...?
- ◆ If you were Prime Minister, what would you change and why?
- ◆ What do you think will happen if...?
- ◆ Why does... happen?
- ◆ Explain how that works...
- ◆ Why do you think that?