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## How to use this work program

### Accessing the online resources

To access the online resources, please go to: <https://www.backtofrontmaths.com.au/b2fmathshome>

### Running the program each week

Each week is designed with five maths lessons so that you can do it each day. Different days have different types of lessons to make sure that students experience the kind of thinking that they need to continue growing in maths. The types of lessons include:

- **At-home investigation:** This is a hands-on task where students explore a new idea before they are taught that skill. They need to come up with an idea to try to solve the problem, try out their idea, decide if it worked or not, try again if needed, and explain what they did. If your child has time with your teacher with a webcam, the teacher will generally be doing this lesson with your child. This is the lesson that will require the heaviest input from you to help your child think through an idea and generally requires the use of some hands-on materials that are listed in the information page.
- **Connecting lesson:** This type of lesson has questions that lead students to develop their ideas and learn a new skill. It should be fairly easy for a student to do, but you will need to be available to read the question to your child as needed, encourage them to think further, and make sure that they complete the work. Most of these lessons will include 10 minutes of practising number operations or concepts through activities or games.
- **Interleaved practise lesson:** This type of lesson provides 8-10 questions from different areas of maths so that students practise remembering what they have previously been taught. Some of the questions may not be easy for your child, so feel free to help whenever you see them struggling.
- **Number practice:** This lesson contains games and number tasks to do regularly with your child. Number is the most important concept to establish in Foundation, so we will be using similar activities each week to help your child develop a very firm understanding of “how many”, to be able to picture that amount in their head, and to be able to add and subtract small amounts very flexibly. **These sessions will not focus heavily on counting, as counting is far less important than making amounts, drawing those amounts and recognising that the amount is still the same when the objects move.**

### Getting help

The website above will have answers to frequently asked questions as well as videos to help you successfully teach your child at home. If you have further questions or need support, please contact your child’s teacher directly using the contact details that they have provided to you. If they can’t answer your questions, they will contact the B2FMaths@Home team directly to get an answer within 3 days.

## What you need to know this week

### Week overview

This week we are teaching the concept of sharing fairly. This concept is strongly linked with the work on arrays and counting patterns that we did last week. In early primary, this means sharing amounts between people, making groups, or arranging objects into arrays. This week we will be playing with the idea of sharing items at a picnic.

### Students need to work out:

- When sharing, it is important to ensure that each portion, group or row contains the same number of objects.
- You can find out the total number of objects by counting all of the objects in the portions, groups or rows.
- When given an amount, work out how many people could share that amount fairly and how much each person would receive. NB. It is particularly helpful if students can work out how to share the amount in more than one way (e.g. 6 could be shared by 2 people or 3 people)
- Arranging objects into arrays helps with sharing

### You will need the following objects:

- Teddy bears etc to act as guests at a party. Each guest should have a plate to put food on, a spoon and a cup. Rather than setting these up, we will ask your child to get out the appropriate amounts and set it up to practise making quantities.
- Small food items or pretend food items to share out. Examples would include: sultanas, biscuits or crackers, pieces of apple, grapes. You could also draw some biscuits etc instead to act as pretend food.

## Monday: At-Home Investigation

### You will need:

- 5 toys to come on a picnic
- More than 6 plates, spoons and cups so that your child has to collect the correct amount to set out the picnic
- 20 small items of food or pretend food (e.g. a drawing of a biscuit)

### Steps:

1. Make sure you have read “What you need to know this week” so that you know what to emphasise with your child.
2. Ask your child to set up a picnic with 4 toys. Tell them that each toy needs a cup, a spoon and a plate. Ask them to collect the right number of plates etc. and set them out for the toys.
3. Read the sheet to your child. Ask for their ideas on how to solve the first problem. Encourage them to guess how many pieces of food each toy will receive first, then try out their ideas.
4. Make sure that your child draws the plates with the food items. Do not do the drawing for them as drawing is an important part of reinforcing ideas.
5. Repeat these steps with the 20 items of food.
6. The last question on the sheet is particularly difficult. We want children to redistribute the items rather than collecting more food. They will also need to work out that some of the items will be left over.
7. If the question is too easy, adjust the situation so that there are 6 toys and 20 items of food. Remember to try guessing first, rather than simply sharing out one at a time.
8. Have your child draw each plate with the items. Take a photo of what they have made as this will be useful later.
9. Discuss what your child found out with them. Keep in mind the ideas from the “What you need to know this week” section so that you can ask questions that are appropriate to the issues identified.

## At-Home Investigation

*The toys are having a picnic! Get 4 toys to have a picnic and set it up so that each toy has a plate, a spoon and a cup.*

**You have 12 pieces of food to share.**

**How could you share them out so that it was fair?**

Draw the plates to show what you have made:



**You have 20 pieces of food. How could you share them out so that it was fair?**

Draw the plates to show what you have made:

**One toy leaves the picnic! How can you share out your 20 pieces of food now so that it is fair?**

Draw the plates to show what you have made.

## Tuesday: Connecting Lesson

### Number game: 5-10 mins *Target partitioning*

You will need: a small circle of string, and a larger circle of string to make a target on the ground (alternative: a wash cloth on top of a tea towel), 18 small blocks (or rubber bands, toothpicks, spoons) to throw at the target.

1. Show your child the items and ask them how many there are.
  - a. If your child cannot work out that there are 18 objects, reduce the number to 12 and try again.
2. Ask your child to throw the objects at the target, repeating the throws for any that miss, until all 18 objects are either inside the small circle or larger circle.
3. Ask your child to count how many objects are in the inner circle and how many are in the outer circle. State this as a sentence and if your child has trouble, record the two numbers together on a piece of paper e.g. "6 and 12 is 18".
4. Take it in turns throwing the objects at the target but have your child state how many are in each circle and how many there are altogether each time. You might need to prompt this with a question such as, "I'll do the writing and you do the counting. How many are in the little circle? So how many would be in the big circle then? How many did we start with? Ok – so what do I need to write down? 3 and (pause for the child) is how many?"

### Worksheet task: 20-25 minutes

Please consider using small items such as toothpicks, spoons or blocks to "stand for" the chocolate frogs in this task. The use of materials will reinforce the idea of sharing more so than just completing the worksheet. It will also help your child considerably when we look at fractions in a few weeks' time.

This lesson is following on from what your child learned yesterday about **sharing**. The purpose of the lesson is to discuss **sharing**, then **counting them in groups** (e.g. 3, 6, 9... for the frogs). Please note that counting in 3s is required for the "C" standard this year.

The third question is considerably more difficult as it involves left overs. This might also give you an opportunity to talk about cutting the left over chocolate frogs into pieces to share them fairly.


Please make sure that you discuss your child's ideas with them as discussing ideas helps children to retain them for longer periods. As division is a particularly difficult concept in later years, we need to make sure that children in Year 2 use multiple modes of thinking to build strong understanding and retention:

- Discuss ideas of sharing and dividing
- Use physical materials to model sharing and dividing
- Draw what they have made
- Write numbers to represent what they have made and explain it out loud

## Problem 17: Sharing

Patrick and James had some chocolate frogs each.





 Fill in the boxes to describe the chocolate frogs.



lots of  chocolate frogs.

There are  frogs altogether.

Their friend Joshua came to play. Can the chocolate frogs be shared equally between the three boys?

 or  Show how many frogs each boy would get. Will there be any left over?

If another friend came to play, would the boys be able to share the chocolate frogs equally?

 or  Show how many frogs each boy would get. Will there be any left over?


### Problem solving:


Teacher initials:

Date:

Student solved the problem with:

- Minimal help
- Some prompting
- Solved after explanation
- Did not work out a solution by themselves
- N/A – not a novel problem

 Are there any other ways that the frogs could be shared equally?

 Tell a friend how you solved the problem.

Peer Assessment

Name:



### Wednesday: Number focus

This lesson allows your child to develop pictures in their mind for different amounts. This skill in the Early Years of schooling is strongly linked with understanding of maths in Year 4. Please make sure that you play the game with your child and also read the “follow up” information about how to build an understanding of ten without having to do very much.

#### **Comparing amounts to 20**

You will need: Up to 20 small items (e.g. spoons, toy cars, buttons, balls of paper, toothpicks) and a copy of the 20 frames sheets to put the objects in.

#### **Make to 20:**

Ask your child to collect 15 objects and place them in the tens frames pictured. Ask them how many spaces are left. State this as a sentence to model the idea, “15 objects and 5 spaces makes our 20”. Have your child colour in the squares on the tens frame and fill in the numbers.

1. Next, ask your child to place some objects in while you look away. Look back and state the amount of objects and spaces out of 20. Swap roles, so that you put the objects in and they state how many objects and spaces there are. Your child should still do the colouring and writing.
2. Ask your child what other numbers you could make that haven't been used yet. Continue until you have found them all.
3. Display your picture somewhere in the house so that your child regularly sees the pairs of numbers that make twenty.

Teen numbers are particularly important for children to understand by the end of early primary, so a heavy focus on them is appropriate.

#### **Follow up:**

If you use sticker charts or similar for chores, please consider using tens frames to arrange the stickers in as it will help your child to develop a stronger understanding of 10.



Number focus worksheet: making 20



objects and  spaces makes



objects and  spaces makes



objects and  spaces makes



objects and  spaces makes

## Thursday: Interleaved Practice Questions

### **Why we are using mixed up questions:**

In this lesson your child will be reviewing a range of skills that they have learned previously. Each question is unrelated to the previous question, because we want your child to have to *think hard* about what to do. Mixing up questions like this, rather than just practising related questions, has been shown in research to improve student retention of concepts by 60% over a 4 month period.

### **What to expect:**

Your child will probably have forgotten how to complete quite a few of the questions. If needed, change the numbers in each question to make them easier because this will still require your child to think hard and remember a process. If they still can't work it out, feel free to show them, but try using different numbers rather than the exact same question. There are answers to each question on the website in case you get stuck.

## Interleaved practice

Number:

1. Write a pattern that goes up in 3s, starting at 13.
2.  $45 - \underline{\quad} = 17$
3. What number has 16 ones and 4 tens?
4. Draw 24 counters in as many arrays as you can
5. Split 18 counters into 3 groups, so that 2 of the groups have the same number. How many ways can that be done?

Measurement/Geometry:

6. Find a rectangular prism (box, like for cereal). How many faces does it have? What do you notice about the faces?
7. What will the date be on Tuesday next week? How many days are there until Tuesday of next week?
8. Draw an analogue clock. Show 2:30.

Chance/Data:

9. Roll a dice 20 times and record how many times each number comes up. Use tallies.

### Friday: Connecting or Extending Lesson

For this lesson you will need to choose between the two worksheets provided based on how well you think your child has understood sharing. The first worksheet (Application questions) is easier and the second (Backwards question) is harder. Feel free to use both or to just select one. Make sure that you let your child's teacher know which worksheet you have done.

## Application questions


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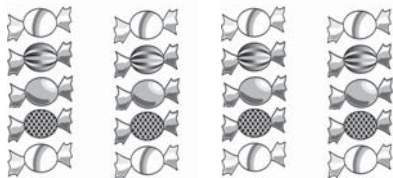
1. Anna is making party bags to give to her friends. She has 24 lollies to put in the bags. Each party bag is going to have 3 lollies.

How many party bags can she make?

 or  Show how many party bags there would be.

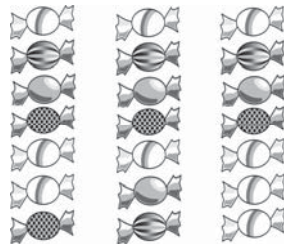
2. Anna has some more lollies to use for a lolly hunt. She hides them in groups.

 Fill in the boxes to describe the groups of lollies.



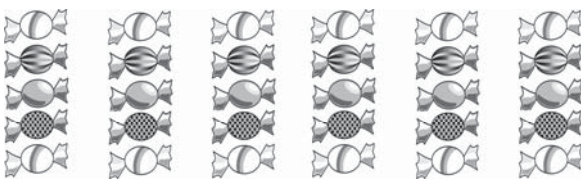
lots of  lollies.

There are  lollies altogether.



lots of  lollies.

There are  lollies altogether.



lots of  lollies.

There are  lollies altogether.

## Manipulation problem

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4 boys had 26 chocolate frogs to share.

How many chocolate frogs will each boy get?



 or  Show how many chocolate frogs each boy would get.

## Backwards question

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When Anna made 8 groups of 5 lollies she had 3 lollies left over.

How many lollies did she start with?

 or  Show how many lollies Anna had.