



NEWSLETTER



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MATHS IN ACTION

My student today arrived tired and unenthusiastic. I put away the maths work I had planned and got out the number tiles.

My student often does not speak, so I was expecting 90 minutes of listening to my own voice.

The first activity I chose was the 8 x 10 grid. The aim of the game is to take as many tiles as you can, by selecting tiles around the edge that make a calculation. The winner is the one who collects the most tiles.....not only do we have to calculate, but we have to reason, plan, process, and justify our choices.

My student was brilliantly vocal when she won.

The second game was getting rid of your tiles first. We normally lay them out so they look like a crossword, but I decided to make it more challenging by doing a number worm instead.

Again this develops lots of useful skills. Games are often the best way to get engagement and focus. They are also a great way to assess the progress students are making.



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BBC 500 WORDS JUDGE

Well done to Maria who is an Official Judge for BBC's 500 Words 2024

BBC's 500 words is a story writing competition for children aged 5-7 and 8-11 years olds and Maria has been busy as part of a panel of Volunteer Judges.

Judging began in November and the shortlisted entrants will be announced in February. Good luck to all those shortlisted and well done to everyone that took part.

We will let you know if Maria has been shortlisted to Judge at the Final in February at Buckingham Palace!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Please note that all lessons stop by the 20th of December and start again from the 5th of January

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students and parents a Happy Christmas to all those who celebrate. And to wish everyone a fabulous New Year.

It has been a pleasure to tutor you all this year, and we look forward to lots more learning and fun in 2025.



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