08.06.20 P2 Data Handling - BAR CHARTS (revision)

WALT use a simple bar chart to answer questions. (MNU 1-20a)

Last week we looked at <u>a Pictogram</u>. A Pictogram shows information gathered

using pictures. Each picture represented an amount e.g. 🙂 = people.

Another way to show information which has been collected is on a **bar chart**.

Instead of pictures, a bar chart has "bars" - in the examples below vertical columns, to show the amounts. The width of the bars has to be the same but the height changes with the amount they are showing.

A bar chart needs <u>a title</u> <u>and labels</u> telling the reader what the numbers mean and what the bars are showing. Below, the title is: Favourite colour in class P2 and the labels are Number of children (for the numbers) and Colours (for the bars).



Favourite colour in class P2

Questions:

- 1. How many children like the colour blue? 4
- 2. How many like the colour green? 7
- **3.** How many more children like green than blue? 7 4 = 3

- 4. What is the total number of children who like red and yellow? 6 + 2
 = 8
- Which colour is the favourite? green How can you tell? It has the tallest bar.
- Which colour is the least favourite? yellow How can you tell? It has the shortest bar.
- 7. How many children altogether said what their favourite colour was?
 6 + 4 + 7 + 2 = 19



Favourite colour in class P2

The bar chart above shows the same labels but the <u>scale</u> has changed. Instead of each box showing 1 pupil, it now shows 5 pupils. The scale goes up in 5s (you can use your knowledge of skip counting in 5s).

Questions:

- 1. How many children like the colour blue? 20
- 2. How many like the colour green? 35
- **3.** How many more children like green than blue? 35 20 = 15

- 4. What is the total number of children who like red and yellow?
 30 + 10 = 40
- 5. How many children altogether said what their favourite colour was?
 30 + 20 + 35 + 10 = 95

Bar charts are often used to show information in businesses, hospitals, banks, schools, shops etc. The Government uses a bar chart to show how many people have caught Covid19 each day. It is easy to see if the numbers are going up or down.

Challenge: Make up a bar chart of your own about something. Remember the title and the labels. Show it to someone and ask them questions on it.