

Number Talks

Note for adults: Number Talks is a 10-15-minute mental maths activity that we do every day in class. I write a sum on the board and the pupils find the answer in their heads and share the strategies they used to find the answer. We cover 3 sums per session, and these are linked to each other (e.g. they may all be doubles: $6+6$, $7+7$, $8+8$). I will post the sums in the learning grid. Make sure to give the child enough time to work out the answer.

Remember, don't use anything to help you, just your brain!

Once you have your answer, write down the way you worked it out, just like I do on the board in class. This will help you describe to an adult how you solved the sum.

Here are our Number Talks hand signals that we use in class:



After Number Talks answer these questions:

- Did your adult work it out in the same way or did they use a different strategy? Discuss your strategy with them.
- Did you use the same strategy every time?
- Did you use the answers from the previous sums to work out the next one?