



Mastering Number – EYFS & KS1 Parent Information

The Mastering Number Programme (at Cop Lane, we call this 'Mini-Maths) is a national initiative developed by the **NCETM and Maths Hubs**. It aims to give children a **strong foundation in number sense** from the earliest stages of learning. This means helping children understand numbers deeply, not just memorise facts.

Why is it important in EYFS and KS1?

- Builds **secure understanding of numbers** and how they relate to each other.
- Supports **fluency and flexibility** with numbers up to 20 and beyond.
- Prepares children for **future success in maths**, including addition, subtraction, and later multiplication.

What does it look like in school?

- **Daily short sessions** (10–15 minutes) alongside the main maths lesson.
- Practical, engaging activities using:
 - **Rekenreks** (counting frames).
 - **Tens frames and counters.**
 - **Number tracks and lines.**
- Focus on **understanding, not just rote learning.**

How can parents help at home?

- **Talk about numbers in everyday life** (e.g. recognising numbers and amounts, sharing snacks)
- - **Play simple number games** (e.g. dice games, number hunts)
- - **Encourage your child to explain how they solved a problem**
- - **Celebrate effort and progress, not just correct answers.**
- - **Keep it fun and positive** – confidence grows through enjoyment.

Benefits for your child

- Greater **confidence and enjoyment** in maths.

- Improved **quick recall** of number facts.
- Stronger **problem-solving skills**.