# Key Stage 1 Mental arithmetic workshop 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016



#### Why focus on mental arithmetic?

- Speed of recall
- Application to calculations
- Developing skills to be used in 'real-life' situations
- New curriculum objectives and assessment has greater emphasis on mental skills.
  - 'The principal focus of mathematics teaching in key stage 1 is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with whole numbers, counting and place value.'

#### How can you help your child?

- There are many skills within the mental arithmetic strand of the curriculum:
  - Counting
  - Addition and subtraction facts (to 10, 20 and 100)
  - Mental calculation strategies for adding and subtracting
  - Times tables
  - Mental calculation strategies for multiplication and division



#### Everyday ideas

- Lego bricks addition, number facts, simple multiplication
- Maths on the move car registration numbers, shopping, road signs (miles)
- Cooking and helping around the house



• Telling the time



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## Counting and place value

#### Counting games

Simple singing games

• Snakes and ladders and other board games





Card games e.g. patience, top trumps





### Addition and subtraction

• Pass the peas



Strike it out - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2RAOosfe-s</u>

• Number fact quick fire questions

#### Online games

- <u>http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-</u> years/addition-and-subtraction
- <u>http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/interactive/index.htm</u>



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### Multiplication and division

- Stages to learning times tables
- Chanting or singing tables





• Simple multiplication grids



- Multiplication board games
- Quick fire questions link to division





We would like to invite you to look at and have a go with the resources. Please feel free to ask any questions you have to members of staff around the room.

