

Lower 5 Maths selfie (EMTM – Every Maths Topic Matters)



Mathematics is very useful in everyday life. Many of us use mathematics even without realising it!

The mathematics curriculum encourages pupils to learn maths through investigations and real life problems that they can relate to life outside of the classroom. Many areas of our lives where we use maths include: household budgeting, decorating our homes, exercising, needlecrafts, knitting and crocheting, shopping, cooking, sleeping (e.g. setting alarms), listening to music, managing our time, driving, going on holidays, playing video games, watching films, monitoring the weather, dancing, day-to-day problem solving such as managing money, taking measurements, estimating costs, marketing... the list goes on! It is a widely-held belief that life without mathematics would be chaotic. Quite simply, it is the foundation upon which thousands of decisions in our lives are made.

Some pupils in Lower 5 earlier this week took a selfie whenever they found themselves using maths outside of maths lessons.

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1. Freya - used estimation to see how close she is to the exact total bill after a family dinner.
2. Gabe - used a 1 litre jug to measure how much water she needed for her beautiful flowers (perhaps reaching for the "1 inch of water"?).
3. Madeleine and Sophia - measured water for their baking.
4. Anouska - measured water for cooking

It is important for pupils to be conscious of ways that they apply their mathematical skills in everyday life. This will kindle their interest in the subject and also help to answer the ever-recurring question from children around the world of "*where will I ever use this maths topic in life?*"

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