Dear Parents and Carers,

In our parent café today we looked at number bonds.

By the end of Year 1 children should be able to remember and recall all the pairs of numbers that make 10

0+10 1+9 2+8 3+7 4+6 5+5

10+ 0 9+1 8+2 3+7 6+4

We looked at games and activities that can help your child learn them including flip-flaps and egg box maths. If you were not able to join us at the café your child will have bought home an egg box, flip-flap and some information on how to use them

We learned a song that can help them remember them easily:

*10 and 0 you’re my hero*

*9 and 1 we’ve just begun*

*8 and 2 just look at you*

*7 and 3 just look at me*

*6 and 4 shut the door*

*5 and 5 I’m a live*

*4 and 6 pick up sticks*

*3 and 7 down to Devon*

*2 and 8 shut the gate*

*1 and 9 doing fine*

*0 and 10 let’s start again.*

It is really important that children lean these number bonds as they help make maths that children learn later much easier to solve e.g.

If I know 6 + 4 makes 10 then 10 – 6 must be 4

If I know 6 + 4 makes 10 then 16 + 4 must be 20

If I know 6+ 4 makes 10 then 60 + 40 makes 100

I have to work out 34 + 16 ………34 and 6 is 40 then add 10 more makes 50

Once your child can remember these. Challenge them to learn the subtractions or even the pairs of numbers that make up other number to 10 e.g. 5+2 =7, 4+3=7 etc

Thank you from the Year 1 Team