Understanding Your Child's Maths Working Wall

Key points

- A working wall is a display in the classroom that changes often to match what the children are learning right now.
- Unlike permanent decorations, these walls are designed for children to use as a helpful reference during their lessons.
- They often include 'worked examples', which are step-by-step guides showing how to solve a specific type of maths problem.
- Visual tools like 'ten frames' (grids of ten squares) and 'bar models' (blocks used to represent numbers) help children see how maths works.
- The wall is kept at the children's height so they can easily look at the vocabulary and methods they need.
- Because every school is different, you can ask your child's teacher how they use their working wall in class.

Things to try at home

- Play a quick game of 'I spy' with numbers or shapes while you are out for a walk.
- Count out pieces of fruit or pasta during snack time to practice simple adding and taking away.
- Ask your child to show you a 'maths trick' they have learned in school this week.
- Use a few coins or buttons to make small groups and patterns together.

Find out more

- Your child's class teacher
- The school's website or parent handbook
- GOV.UK (Department for Education)