



Kings Meadow SEND News



Spring 1 2025

Dates and Events

SEND Coffee Morning at Kings Meadow Primary

Monday 3rd February
8.45am (9am start)

We will be hosting a SEND Coffee Morning led by Kayleigh Banks (Sefton Inclusion Consultant) and Dawn Makinson (Sefton ASD and Complex Needs Team) to discuss 'The Graduated Approach to SEND'.

As well as meeting other parents, there will also be time for you to ask any questions or seek advice around supporting your child at home.

Please telephone the School Office on 01704 578512 to book your place or scan the QR Code below

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Coffee Morning - 03.02.2025 from
8.45am



Welcome to Kings Meadow Primary SEND newsletter!



Miss Karen O'Brien
SENDCo/Deputy Headteacher

As Kings Meadow Primary School Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator (SENDCo), I am here to offer support and advice regarding additional needs or SEND support for your child.

As a school, we value the engagement of our parents, so please do not hesitate to get in touch via our School Office if you have any questions, or would like a paper version of this Newsletter.

Alternatively, you may find further information about our SEND provision on the school website:

<https://www.kingsmeadowprimary.co.uk/send-information/>

Spotlight on Provision:

iXL Learning



iXL truly does stand for 'I excel'! iXL is an interactive online learning platform that provides children with personalised exercises tailored to their individual learning needs. The platform covers a wide range of skills, allowing children to practise at their own pace and receive immediate feedback, helping them to build confidence and mastery in Maths.

At Kings Meadow Primary, the children can access iXL from Y1 - Y6. iXL is also used as a Maths Intervention. The children really enjoy working through the program, and as your child can access it from home, you have a chance to see their progress!

Sefton's Local Offer



The SEND Local Offer for Sefton provides local information for families with a child with a special educational need or disability. Within the online resource you can find useful links to support groups, activities, clubs, benefits, information, advice and guidance. There are lots to support parents and carers of a child with SEND. Do have a look at this link to see more information;

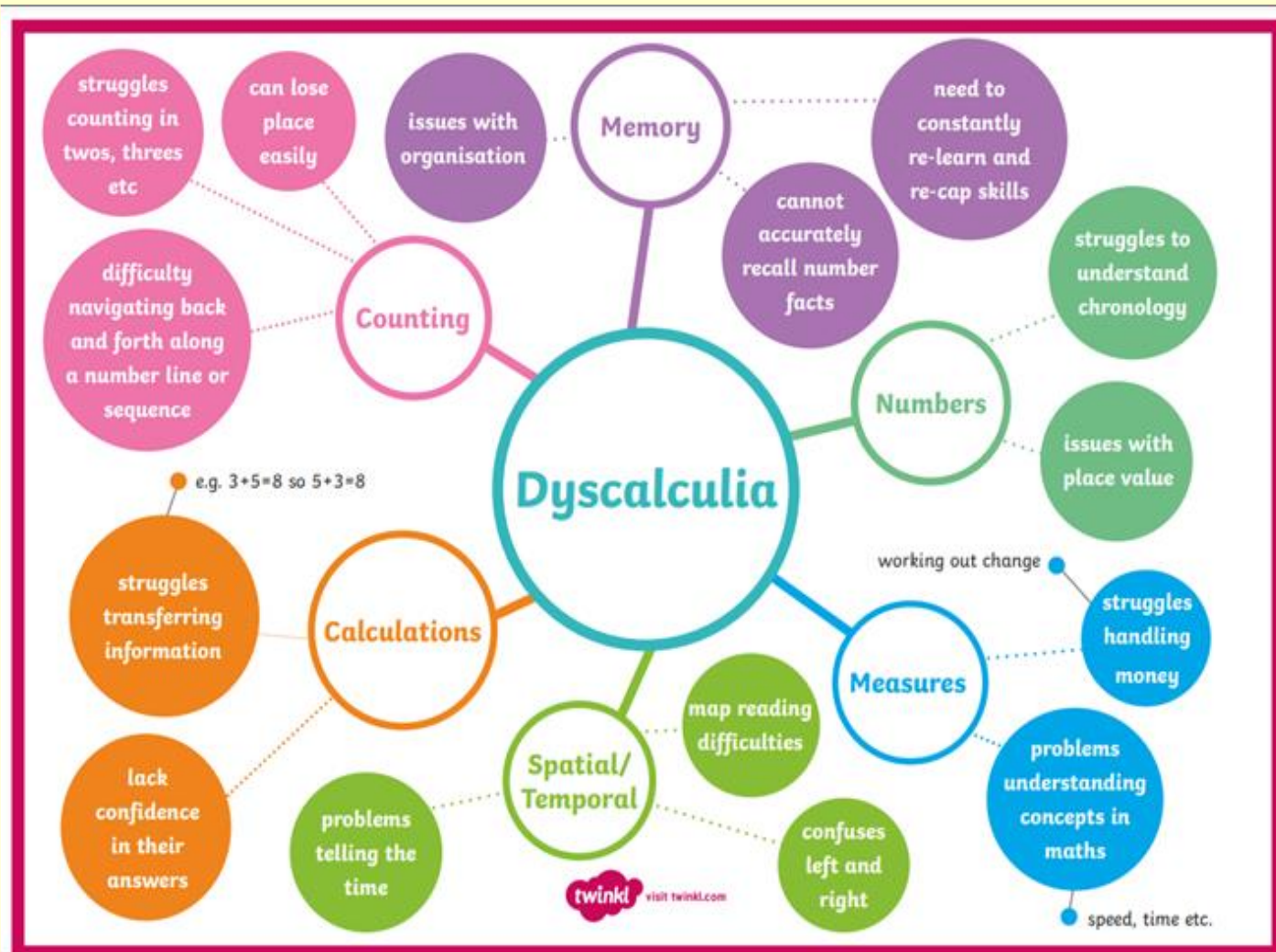
<https://www.seftondirectory.com/kb5/sefton/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>

SEND in Focus

This term's focus is DYSCALCULIA

Dyscalculia is a specific and persistent difficulty in using numbers. This difficulty causes a wide range of other mathematical difficulties. It can occur alongside other specific learning difficulties, Maths anxiety and medical conditions. Around 5% of people have Dyscalculia and it occurs across all ages and abilities. 60% of people with Dyslexia also have Mathematical difficulties.

Parent Guide to Dyscalculia - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GstqJ5sEEoo>





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How can I support my child with Dyscalculia?

Use Objects

Your child will struggle to understand abstract mathematical concepts, so use anything you can at home to help them to see the Maths. Counting, adding and subtracting real items, such as teddies, pencils or sweets will help them rather than expecting them to mentally work it out.

Maths Apps, Games and Videos

There are so many apps and games available to help with maths difficulties. Games involving quick recognition of numbers (such as dominoes or dice games) are great, as are games using packs of cards: quick games can be played by choosing two cards and adding, subtracting or multiplying them. Hopscotch is a great one for counting and number sequencing - you can use different sequences of numbers for your child to hop to in order. Please see the Ronit Bird videos to support your child with Maths difficulties:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DyscalculiaVideos/videos>

Build Confidence

Your child's confidence is bound to be affected by their difficulties in Maths and, the chances are, it'll worsen with age. Look for any chance to build their confidence and avoid any negative comments such as, "You should know that by now" Your child is probably well aware that they should know it and are probably incredibly frustrated and embarrassed with the situation. When working on any maths at home, break a task into very small parts so that your child can encounter success at getting some of those parts right. Focus on the process and not just the end product. Stay calm and patient with your child - there's nothing more likely to knock your child's confidence than to hurry them up or belittle them. They're not struggling on purpose.

Everyday Maths

Show your child how Maths is useful in daily life, e.g. they can measure ingredients when cooking, or count in 2's/odds and evens, using door numbers when walking home with you. Real world examples can make Maths more interesting and help children understand it better.

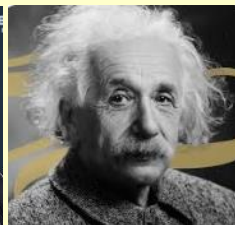
Celebrate every Success

Celebrate the everyday successes that your child has achieved - however small they may be. Your celebration acts as encouragement and motivates them to keep going even if they may find something difficult.

Inspirational People with Dyscalculia



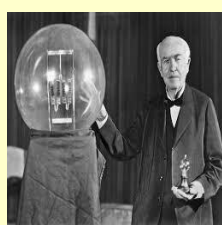
Robbie Williams



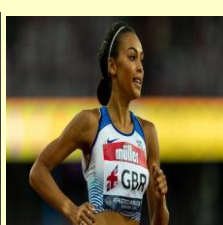
Albert Einstein



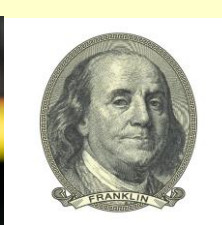
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Thomas Edison



Adelle Tracey



Benjamin Franklin

Useful Maths Websites

- Y1 - Y6 Free Workbooks - <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads#download>
- EYFS and KS1 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zd4b382>
- KS2 - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- Maths Activities for Home - <https://nrich.maths.org/parents>
- Maths Homework Help - <https://www.ashcott.somerset.sch.uk/classes/maths-homework/homework>