

## St Matthew's Outdoor Maths Week (20-24<sup>th</sup> May 2019)

The children of St Matthew's had a wonderful week of outdoor maths – each class using the space and extra natural-world resources to investigate mathematical problems in an unfamiliar environment.

Rather than work in their books in the classroom, the teachers took their children in to the playground and used the extra space to encourage physical maths. The children investigated a wide array of maths areas, from shape to calculation, word problems to fractions. The children were stimulated mentally and physically, seeing maths in a new light rather than just something to be done in isolation in the classroom. They worked individually, in pairs and in teams to complete tasks – some competitive, some not.

It also encouraged the teachers to think about maths in a different way; removing screens and whiteboards allowed them to think more creatively in their inputs and the activities they put together.

“The lesson was more fun than doing it inside!”

“I enjoyed working with other people.”

“Can we do more outdoor maths lessons?”

We certainly hope to do this again in the future!

Year 5 certainly enjoying their learning!



Problem solving with Year 5

Reception investigate 2D shapes



Year 4 getting competitive!