

CONGRATULATIONS and well done on making it to the final week of home-schooling. Thank you for all the hard work and effort you have put in over the past 3 months. I know this has not been easy and I admire you for staying so positive during it all. I really hope we will be back to 'normal' in September or as close to it as possible. For the final week we will focus on money, recognising and using coins up to 50c and solving practical tasks involving money up to 99 cent.

Up to now the children have used coins up to 20c so the introduction of the 50c is new. Spend time looking at all the coins again. Discuss their colour, size, the shape along the edge, do some coin rubbings in their copies. Compare the value of the various coins and different ways to make various amounts.

Instead of listing lots of activities this week I suggest you set up a shop at home with items to 'buy' clearly priced. Vary the role of the child both as customer and shopkeeper. Allow them to add the bill mentally and on paper. Bring in the element of giving/ receiving change.

Working out change can be tricky. It can either be done as a subtraction

E.g. I have 50c. I spend 43c. My change is $50c - 43c = 7c$

Or it can be done by counting on. This is like the blank number line activity we practised before.

E.g. I have 50c. I spend 43c. I hold 43c in my head and count on to 50c.

Hopefully as restrictions continue to ease we will be able to give our children practise buying real items in real shops. The best learning of all!

Busy at Maths – I know there are a lot of pages here, just do what you can.

Page 150 – Calculate the value of each set of coins and match sets worth 50c to the 50c in the centre. Count and draw specific amounts within 50c

Page 151 – Shopping activities involving getting change

Page 152 – Colour the patchwork quilt based on the code at the top of the page

Page 153 – Add the coins and find the number names in the word-search.

Page 154 – Total the coins. Draw the least number of coins needed to make each amount.

Thanks again for all the hard work and look forward to seeing you all again soon. Take care and enjoy the well-earned summer break.

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