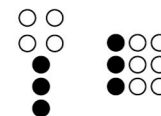


Activities for Home

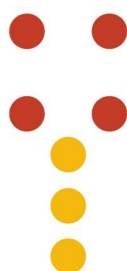
7 Tree
9 Square



Dear Families

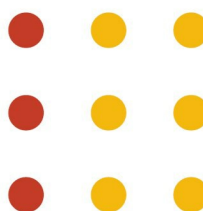
This week in maths we have been learning two important visual prompts to help us solve some of the trickier addition and subtraction facts within 10. These are called the 7 Tree and the 9 Square and they help us solve the facts shown below:

7 Tree



$$\begin{array}{l} 3 + 4 = 7 \\ 4 + 3 = 7 \\ 7 - 3 = 4 \\ 7 - 4 = 3 \end{array}$$

9 Square



$$\begin{array}{l} 3 + 6 = 9 \\ 6 + 3 = 9 \\ 9 - 3 = 6 \\ 9 - 6 = 3 \end{array}$$

Unlike the other calculation strategies there are no specific games or activities this week. Instead we would just encourage you to:

Talk about the visual prompts

Ask your child if they can tell you about these 2 visual images. Ask them, "What is the 7 Tree and why is it helpful in maths?" What is the 9 square, what can that help with in maths?"

Every day

When you are sure that your child knows what the 7 tree and 9 square images are, grasp every day to day opportunity to talk about them. When the number 7 comes up, say things like "And what's inside 7? That's right 3 and 4, remember the 7 tree", and when 9 comes up say things like "What's inside 9? That's right 6 and 3, remember the 9 square." Also, take any chance to lay out food or objects in the 7 tree and 9 square arrangements and ask the children to tell you what they can see.

Regular repetition that the 7 tree is made up of 4 and 3 and that the 9 square shows us 6 and 3 will enable the children to master these eight tricky facts with ease.