

ACTIVITIES FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN

The Government deems the top 5% of children in this country to be 'gifted and talented'. Generally speaking, the 'gifted tag' is aimed at the core subjects and the 'talented' tag at sports and arts. Schools need to be seen to provide for these pupils throughout the curriculum.

Over the next three pages there are maths activities which should cater for this group and also provide some of your average to high ability children with a healthy challenge (see also activity below). Some of the activities require items of equipment, but nothing you won't find in the average classroom. Others take the form of problems which require lateral thinking and challenge the pupils to use a less conventional approach to the problem. There are problems which test logic, intelligence and thinking skills – all useful areas to develop in the primary school child as well as adults!

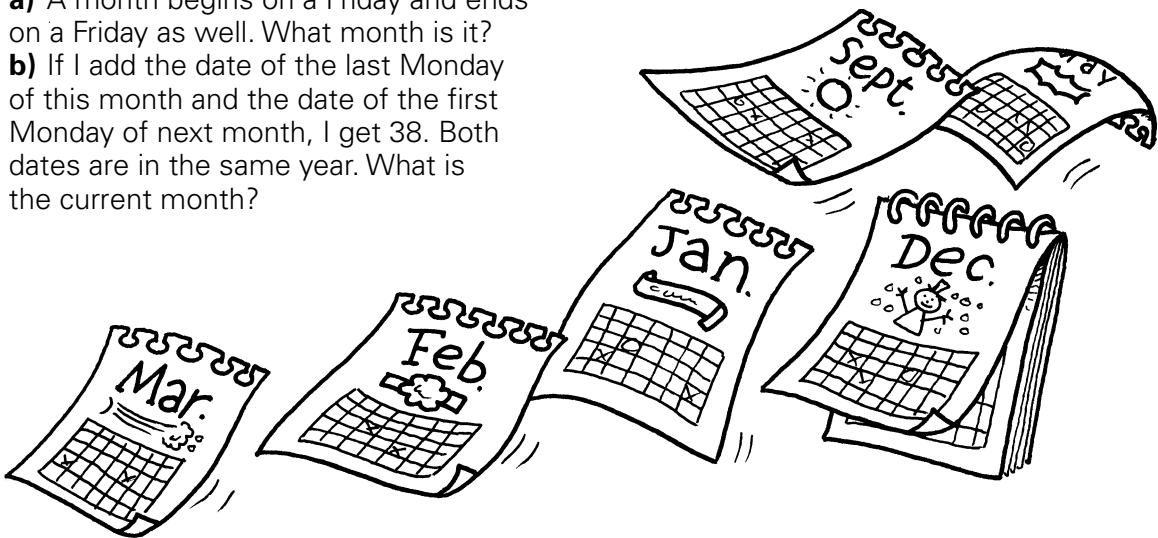
You could group the children in mixed-ability tables if you wish to use the activities with the whole class. Some of the questions only require discussion, so there should be an opportunity for everyone to contribute.

There are hints for some of the problems (upside down at the bottom of the page) – children should only use these if they are well and truly stuck.



DIABOLICAL DATES

- a) A month begins on a Friday and ends on a Friday as well. What month is it?
- b) If I add the date of the last Monday of this month and the date of the first Monday of next month, I get 38. Both dates are in the same year. What is the current month?



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a) It's a unique month. b) 38 is quite a high number for these dates.

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