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# Welcome to The Parents' Lesson 

## Session 1

## The aims of this session

- How we feel about maths
- Making Maths Fun!
- Making progress in Maths
- What's happening in the classroom
- Magic Maths Meetings
- Problem Solving
- MyMaths.co.uk


## How do you feel about maths?


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'Maths isn't my strong point' 'I didn't like maths at school'
'I can't really do maths'


# No matter what your children want to be... 




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## 'I can't do this'

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## Maths is about...

- Communicating
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## Everyday Maths


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## To take home...

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## MyMaths.co.uk

-What does it do?

- How can it help?
- How can you help?
- How should your child use MyMaths.co.uk?


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## Magic Maths Meetings

- Fluency
- Flexibility
- Confidence


# Tell me everything you can about... 



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A new hotel has 100 rooms. The decorator needs to put numbers on all the doors. How many number 1's does he need to buy?


What row of numbers comes next?
1
11
21
1211
111221
312211
13112221


## Sierpinski triangle



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# One dot every day, hour, minute, SECOND! 

http://www.vendian.org/envelope/dir2/lots of dots/

# What mathematical questions might you ask? 

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## And now, the moment you've all been waiting for!

## In class...

- The chance to learn and practise mathematical skills


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- The chance to learn and practise mathematical skills
- Context
- Real life
- The children should ask - 'Why?'



## Problem solving

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## Pilot

A mathematical open ended activity



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## Pilot ... the rules

- Passengers arranged in a square array
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- Investigate the minimum amount of moves it takes to move the co pilot into the pilot's seat



## Presenting the results and looking for patterns

| Size of plane | Total number of moves |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2 by 2 | 5 |
| 3 by 3 | 13 |
| 4 by 4 | 21 |
| 5 by 5 | 29 |

# Where can this take us, as mathematicians? 

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All the way from pictorial or aural recording to an algebraic generalisation

## Any questions?

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Thank you for coming!

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