

Keeping Brain Fit At Home

Our Groups: *Pick and Mix, The Giggly Group, Young at Hearts, The Urchins, Passmore Pals, Happy People, Us Lot and Freya's Friends.*

This week our topic is: **NUMBERS & MONEY**



Our Co-Facilitator, Lynn, is only a youngster and she hasn't used "old money".

- Can you help her with some of these coin names and how much they were worth? **Bob, Tanner, Ha'penny, Guinea, Farthing, Half a Crown.**

Some lucky youngsters were given pocket money when they were growing up and others had to do small jobs to earn some pennies.

Sophie used to buy a comic called "Twinkle" and sweets called Black Jacks.

Annie and her friends called at the village corner shop on the way home from school and chose thruppence worth of sweets which were weighed out by Mrs Todd and placed in small paper bags.

Laura's favourite penny sweets were called White Mice and Flying Saucers.

- When you received pocket or birthday money, what did you spend it on?
- Did you save it up for a special treat or did it burn a hole in your pocket?

Shopping in the 1950's

Neil describes going shopping with his grandparents during the fifties:“

Some department stores had those money tubes, the cashier sales assistant would place your cash in a little steel tube which was attached to a complex arrangement of wires going around the shop at great speed. At the other end, a cashier would write the receipt, sort out the change and whiz it back down to you.”

How times have changed, today some shops no longer accept cash payments and you have to use a bank card!

- Did you or your family members used to go to the local shops daily? We wonder what types of shops were on your high street years ago?

An excerpt from Shopping by Gill Johnson and Marilyn McGregor:

At the butcher's we bought our meat, Dewhurst was the best,

They laid out chicken portions, a cut above the rest.

Our bacon was sliced thinly, by the cutting machine,

And Mum would ask for a Sunday joint and “to make it lean.”

To buy our shoes we had a choice from Dolcis or from Clarks,

Or Freeman Hardy and Willis, just up from Marks.

This is where we bought our clothes, with the St Michael label,

Furniture from the Co-op, chairs and a Formica table.

The Price is Right

- Have a guess at how much the following items cost, first in the 1950's and then at today's prices in 2020.



Pint of Beer



Cinema Ticket

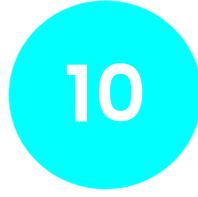


Car

- If you won one million pounds on the lottery, how would you spend it? (Don't say toilet rolls).

Thinking Around Numbers

- What do these numbers mean to you?



Song Titles with Numbers In

We've thought of a few, can you come up with anymore?

9 - 5 by Dolly Parton

When I'm 64 by The Beatles

16 going on 17 from The Sound of Music

2-4-6-8 Motorway by The Tom Robinson Band (that one's for Andy and John!)

Teacher: If I had ten oranges in one hand and seven in the other, what would I have?

Boy: Big hands, miss!

Photo Archive:



The two David's from The Giggly Group.
They're good friends really!