



## Work Out Wednesday

Dear parents/guardians,

O'Growney N.S. has launched a new initiative this year to improve and consolidate mathematical problem solving strategies amongst our pupils as part of our Three Year Plan. This year we are particularly focusing on the strand unit Money. We are sure you have heard about Work Out Wednesday (WOW) from your child already. Every Wednesday your child will have the opportunity to solve an easy, medium and tricky problem based on the strand unit of money. As you are aware money and the ability to use money is an important part of everyday life. In order to help your child to grasp the concept of money we advise that they engage in hands on activities using coins as much as possible. You can help by encouraging your child to practise using money by engaging in "shopping" activities, whether it is imaginary or real.



- Your child should be able to recognise the coins.
- When shopping ask your child what can be bought with this/these coins, allow your child to pay for items using these coins.
- Show your child the prices on food while shopping.
- Play shop with your child using toys, cereal boxes etc.
- When playing in this shop allow your child to use appropriate coins.

- Ask questions using the vocabulary associated with money:  
How many coins have you got?  
What coins/coin do you need to buy the book?  
How much money have you got?  
How much does the book cost?  
How much did you spend?  
What change did you get?  
Have you too much/ too little money?



- Online shopping game: [www.teachingmoney.co.uk](http://www.teachingmoney.co.uk)

Through these experiences your child will learn about the value of money.

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