

Term 4, Week 2 2025

Literacy and Numeracy Corner

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MATHEMATICS JOKE

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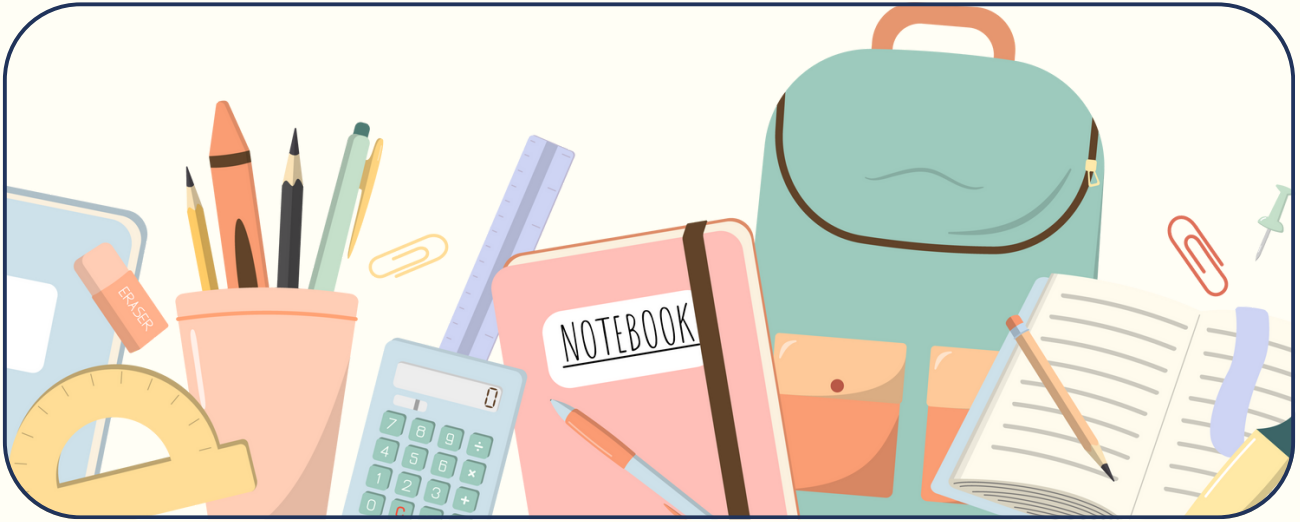
Why did the math book look sad when school started?

Because it had too many problems!

Is It Term 4 Already?

After the holiday break, it can be a challenge for children to refocus and get back into the school routine.

This article could offer helpful tips for both parents and students to ease into the new term, while reinforcing literacy and numeracy in everyday activities.



Getting Back into the Swing of Things: Tips for a Smooth Transition After the Holidays

- **Create a Routine:** Re-establish regular routines at home (bedtime, homework time, etc.) can help students transition smoothly. It was great not to have the pressures of a bedtime during the holidays but sleep at a regular time and getting enough sleep is essential for cognitive function.
- **Start with Fun Learning Activities:** For a few minutes a day engage in one of these...story-based games, brain teasers, and educational apps or websites.
- **Revisit Last Term's Learnings:** Gentle review of key skills or concepts from the previous term to boost confidence and familiarity.
- **Encourage Reading at Home:** Start a family reading night where everyone reads for 10 minutes.

Boosting Confidence After the Break

- **Recognising Achievements:** Encourage students to reflect on what they learned last term and celebrate their progress, no matter how big or small.
- **Developing a Growth Mindset:** Tips on helping kids shift their thinking from "I can't do it" to "I can learn with practice."
- **Breaking the "Back to School" Anxiety:** Have open discussions about what they're looking forward to and what they're worried about.
- **Math & Reading Confidence:** Simple daily practices that can help your child develop stronger math or reading habits, like counting objects around the house or reading real life texts such as signs, recipes, labels and everything around us!