

Mathematical moments with 5 & 6 year olds

Number and Measure (money) - applying number understanding, writing and reading numerals for a purpose.

After reading a Shirley Hughes poem in “Out and About” featuring a fruit and veg market stall (<https://vimeo.com/408452194>), it became clear many children had not experienced a market before. Elaine suggested to the children that they could set up their own market stalls.

The children decided what they wanted to sell, finding objects from around the classroom. Benjamin and Sam collected food from the home corner to make a food stall.

Elaine suggested they come up with some prices and provided some paper and pens for them to make a price list and tickets.

The children formed their numbers carefully and Elaine introduced using £ and p signs. She also found a till with labelled coin sections and gave the children coins to put into their till. The boys worked together to sort the coins correctly.

As customers approached to buy items, Elaine demonstrated how to add the prices using a calculator. The market was very popular and stayed open all day. The children loved taking on roles of customers and market stall holders.



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