

Victoria Primary Money Week

8th – 12th June 2020



Dear parents

For the last few years we have had a money week in school during the month of June where all children in school take part in a range of practical and written activities focussed on money. This year we want to continue to promote the teaching and learning of money, albeit in a very different way. Next week your child's numeracy will focus on money and we would encourage you to reinforce this at home. I am going to suggest a few practical activities that you may like to try at home along with ideas your child's teacher may also suggest.

- Encourage your child to handle and count real money – open up a purse or money box or jar and count how much money is inside.
- Help your child to create a little shop in your house – Let your child decide what type of shop it is going to be (maybe choose something they are really into eg dinosaurs, cars, dolls, books etc) Talk about where the shop is going to be, how it's going to look, what needs to be made (signs? Individual price tags or a price list?) Let your child have an opportunity to be the shopkeeper and a customer and try and include others in the household. Use real coins to pay for items/ practise working out change (make this appropriate to your child's ability)



- Let your child/children earn money throughout the week by doing little jobs to help out around the house. (wash the dishes, set the table, make the bed, fold clothes etc) Then at the end of the week let them enjoy

going out to buy a treat with the money they have earned!! (This might be a good way to encourage them to complete school work too!!)

- Tuck shop – Children have to buy their own break each day. Pick out some items they enjoy as a snack and put prices on them. Give your child a set amount of money on Monday and it has to last all week or no break!! Each day they can choose their break and pay for it. They need to work out how much money they have left each day and make decisions about what to buy. (If you don't have much real money at the minute they could keep a written record daily.)
- Play some money games online.

One website which has some great money games is [Topmarks](#). If you google

'Topmarks money games', you can then select a

variety of different money games. Most of them are suitable from age 4-11 and can be played at different levels. 'Toy Shop' / 'Coins Game' / 'The Coin Cruncher' / 'The Change Game' / 'Going Shopping'

- Play money games e.g. Monopoly/Junior monopoly/ Pop to the shops.



These are some ideas for you to try out with your children. I would love you to take photos of your children engaged in 'money activities' next week and send them to the school website so we can share them.

Many thanks for your support with Money Week.

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