



## Leaving 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number

After 8 weeks of 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number, most children return to their class as more confident and independent learners.

They go on to make good progress in their class lessons. We aim for each child who has taken part in 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number to be able to work comfortably at National Curriculum Level 2.

*'1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number is the best Teaching Assistant led maths intervention we have ever used. It was not only effective but the children also gained an enthusiasm for their maths work. Our Teaching Assistant really benefitted from the training. She gained an insight into the difficulties children have with maths and her enjoyment of using 1<sup>st</sup>Class was infectious!' **Head Teacher***

*"Really enjoyable, the children love it! Lots of variety with simple ideas that have helped to get the objectives across and also enjoyable for me."*  
**Birmingham Teaching Assistant**

*The lessons were so well designed that I was able to concentrate on the teaching and any problems the children were having.*  
**Teaching Assistant Ann Stott, St Peter's RC Primary School, Manchester**



# A Guide for Parents and Carers



## What is 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number?

1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number is a new programme to improve the mathematical skills of children who need a little extra help to manage their Level 2 mathematics. It is currently being delivered in schools as a part of the national Every Child Counts programme.

If your child needs this help in mathematics, they may be selected for a place on the 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number programme. This means that they will receive some extra sessions with a specially trained teaching assistant. The teaching assistant will aim to accelerate your child's learning in mathematics.

The teaching assistants have been on a special course for 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number. After their training they all say that they are well equipped to support children with this mathematics, as do their Headteachers:

## The Role of Parents and Carers



When your child has started 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number, they will bring home a mathematics activity called a 'Special Delivery' each fortnight to practise what they have learned. You will be asked to help them to do the activity and to talk about it.

## Key Features of 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number

1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number is a set of mathematics lessons. The teaching assistant usually works with a group of 4 children about 3 times a week for 8 weeks. The lessons are designed to be fun for the children, with lots of games and activities and discussion about the mathematics they are learning. They have a Post Office theme so you might find your child becomes very interested in letters, parcels, post boxes and stamps!

Your child will still have a daily mathematics lesson with their class teacher, who will work together with the 1<sup>st</sup>Class@Number teaching assistant to plan your child's work.

Your child might take a short test with a teacher or their teaching assistant at the start and end of the programme, to measure their progress.



