



Firstly I want to thank you for awarding us this funding, it was such a wonderful boost especially at a time when school budgets are very strapped.

We used this grant to purchase some sets of equipment to be used within Nursery, Foundations Stage. Staff had training in Numicom last year and the grant allowed us to invest in some large silicone sets for outdoor and large movement activities. We also bought some magnetic sets and small silicone sets to be used in class. These will be particularly useful with the younger children and will help them be even more number ready and excited about maths as they move from nursery up through Foundation Stage.

We purchased large number and pattern die for each class in the school, that can be used indoors or outdoors as they are plastic and wipe clean. These can be used with small groups or whole class.

We bought some fraction die for the KS2 children to help make maths more fun for them by tricking them into playing games with fractions.

We invested in some recordable buttons for each class and our support staff who work with small groups. We want to use these to help children develop their auditory skills and to encourage independence so an adult does not always have to be involved in a maths activity to give instructions but can have prerecorded them using the buttons.

We also bought a set of 1 minute timers for staff to use to help younger children see how long a minute is when they say things like, 'I'll share it in a minute'

We are very excited to see how the children engage with all these wonderful new resources and to see how their enjoyment for maths is encouraged in a playful way.

We only received our equipment today so don't have any photos of its use but will forward some as we introduce it to the children.

The staff and children of Windmill want to say a huge thanks to all involved in this wonderful trust.  
Kierna Corr Head of Nursery.

