

#mathscpdchat 5 June 2018

NCETM's *Numberblocks* Support Materials; how would you use them?

Hosted by [@martynyeouk](https://twitter.com/martynyeouk)

This is a brief summary of the discussion – to see all the tweets, follow the hashtag #mathscpdchat in Twitter



The materials can be found at <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/numberblocks>

Some of the areas where discussion focussed were:

- teachers' and pupils' enthusiasm about, and enjoyment in, using *Numberblocks*
- key concepts that are addressed in these materials, particularly part-whole and partitioning and combining
- how the resources can, and do, engage children in exploring maths in a practical way, playing with ideas

A particularly interesting sequence of tweets, about the unique nature of the materials, some of the mathematical concepts involved, and more similar materials that are currently in production, followed from this tweet by [Debbie Morgan](#):



Debbie Morgan @ThinkingMaths · 15h

#mathscpdchat The programme is unique in that the characters are numbers, not just those who engage in maths. Key concepts are: part-part-whole; partition/combine, compare- greater than and less than, composition of number, properties such as square numbers,

including this one from [Martyn Yeo](#),



Martyn @martynyeouk · 15h

That is great and is clear from the resources those concepts are covered.

What would you hope people use the resources for [@ThinkingMaths](#)?

this one from [Debbie Morgan](#)



Debbie Morgan @ThinkingMaths · 15h

to engage children in maths in a practical interactive way - although ppt slides, there are plenty of suggested activities both inside and outside for children to explore maths

this one from Martyn



Martyn @martynyeouk · 15h

What's the future for [#numberblocks](#) [@ThinkingMaths](#)?

Do you plan on making more episodes and resources?

and this one from Debbie



Debbie Morgan

@ThinkingMaths

Following

Replying to [@martynyeouk](#)

[#mathscpdchat](#) There are 2 new series in production (60 episodes) - lots of lovely stories and new concepts

(to read the discussion-sequence generated by any tweet look at the 'replies' to that tweet)

Among the links shared were:

[Numberblocks: materials to support Early Years and Year 1 teachers](#), shared by [@martynyeouk](#)

[CBEEBIES Numberblocks on BBC iPlayer](#), shared by [@PardoeMary](#)

[Photo of @HyperHelga using the new materials in her school](#), shared by [@martynyeouk](#)

[Numberblocks Make and Play Game](#), shared by [@martynyeouk](#)