By the end of Year 2, children are expected to know the following about fractions. They should be able to find halves, thirds or quarters/fourths of either a shape or a quantity. They will understand that all of the parts must be equal.

They will be exposed to fractions in their concrete form 1/2 1/4 , pictorially 1/4 , as

well as in the abstract(1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 2/4, 3/4). They will also be introduced to the idea of equivalent fractions by looking at, and comparing, 1/2 and 2/4. The children will investigate fractions in a variety of different contexts, including shapes, foods, liquids, money, lengths of string and so on.

Activities & Games

- ★★ Towers! Draw a tower and divide it into 12 sections. Shade 1/4 of your tower in red and 1/3 of your tower in blue. How many sections are left? Draw some other towers of different sizes and ask a grown up to give you some instructions about what fraction to colour in.
- ★ Sharing your sweets! If you had a bag of sweets (or carrot sticks) how many will you eat if you have half the bag? What about a quarter? Don't forget to count them first!
- ★★★ What fractions can you write about this picture?



★★ How can you use a strip of paper to prove to me that 1/2 is the same a 2/4?

Going deeper...



Here is a bowl of fruit. Half of the pieces of fruit in the bowl are apples. There are also 3 oranges, 2 pears and a banana. How many apples are there in the bowl?

If, instead, one quarter were apples and one quarter were oranges and there were also 4 bananas, 3 pears and 3 plums, how many would be apples now?

Wonderful websites

My Maths

Use our school log in (Username: coleridge1, Password: success74) and then your own log in details to access activities related to this topic on the MyMaths website.

You can also have a look to see if there are some other fun games you would like to play! <u>Half/Not half</u> Sort the shapes to see if you can identify halves.

<u>Cover the fraction</u> Look at the shape pattern and try to cover the right amount.

<u>Sort the shapes</u> Sort these shapes into halves and quarters.

<u>Fraction matcher</u> Match the fractions!