Maths Super Curricular Activities



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•	 Science Museum (Mathematics Gallery) – Discover historic maths artefacts, interactive exhibits, and famous equations. Bank of England Museum – Learn about finance, money, and economic maths, including inflation and interest rates. The Royal Observatory Greenwich – Explore time, astronomy, and geometry used in navigation. The London Transport Museum – Understand the logistics behind transport networks and timetables with real-world maths applications. The Crystal (Royal Victoria Dock) – A sustainability-focused exhibit highlighting how maths is used in engineering and urban planning. Puzzle Parlour (Escape Room Challenge) – A fantastic opportunity to solve mathematical puzzles in a real-world setting! 	•	 Design a Maths Board Game – Create a game based on probability, logic, or number challenges. Build a 3D Model Using Geometry – Use paper, cardboard, or software to design polyhedra or other shapes. Run a Budgeting Challenge – Plan a mock shopping trip or holiday, working with money, percentages, and financial maths. Create a Maths-Inspired Piece of Art – Explore symmetry, tessellations, or Fibonacci spirals in drawings or digital designs. Explore Code & Algorithms – Use Scratch or Python to create a simple maths-based program or interactive challenge. Investigate Patterns in Nature – Find examples of maths in nature (fractals, spirals, symmetry) and document findings.

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•	 Alex's Adventures in Numberland – Alex Bellos (An engaging look into the beauty of numbers and mathematical puzzles) How to Solve It – George Pólya (A classic guide on logical problem-solving and mathematical thinking) The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets – Simon Singh (Exploring hidden mathematical references in the beloved TV show) Fermat's Last Theorem – Simon Singh (A fascinating historical account of one of the most famous problems in maths) Maths on the Back of an Envelope – Rob Eastaway (Mastering quick estimation skills for real-world problems) The Monty Hall Problem – Jason Rosenhouse (An in-depth exploration of probability and counterintuitive decision-making) 	•	 BBC Radio 4 - More or Less – Breaking down statistics, mathematical myths, and everyday numbers in an accessible way Numberphile Podcast – Conversations with mathematicians tackling fascinating problems and theories The Infinite Monkey Cage – A lively mix of maths and science with Brian Cox and expert guests TED Talks (Mathematics Playlist) – Short but powerful talks covering intriguing maths concepts and real-world applications
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