

## Merry Christmas from the Ninjas Team

Dear Valued Ninja Teachers worldwide,

As the year comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and loyalty. You are the reason why we do what we do: creating and delivering high-quality numeracy products to enhance the learning and teaching of mathematics in schools.



We are delighted to introduce our first newsletter of 23/24, where we will share with you the latest news and updates from Numeracy Ninjas and the world of numeracy education. We hope you will find it useful and informative, and we welcome your feedback and suggestions.

We wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. We look forward to working with you again in 2024.

Best wishes,

Will & Emma

## Ninja Skills Assessment Pack

This year we launched the **Ninja Skills Assessment Pack** and are delighted by the feedback received from schools.

The pack includes 3 diagnostic assessments which can be taken by learners on a termly basis to track their progress and to identify which of the individual 72 Ninja Skills they need to work on to improve their performance.

Furthermore, the pack contains an analysis spreadsheet capable of producing whole-class reports and individual learner reports to help teachers in directing interventions using the **Ninja Skill Focus Worksheets**, enabling a short period of intensive, but spaced practice of individual Ninja Skills to close numeracy gaps.

If you have not yet seen the **Ninja Skills Assessment Pack** check out [this link](#), and if you would like to order it, please email Emma via [admin@numeracyninjas.org](mailto:admin@numeracyninjas.org).



### TEST A - MENTAL STRATEGIES

Q	Question	Answer
1	$5 + \square = 3$	
2	$10 + 9 = \square$	
3	$2 + 18 = \square$	
4	$100 - \square = 72$	
5	2 lots of 9	
6	$28 + 28 = \square$	
7	Half of 9	
8	Half of 44	
9	$20 + \square = 30$	
10	$88 - 10 = \square$	
11	$80 + 50 = \square$	
12	$78 - 70 = \square$	
13	$\square + 8 = 10$	
14	$26 + 23 + 26 + 26 = \square$	
15	$3 = 1 + \square$	
16	$72 \div 2 = \square$	
17	$63 + 9 = 63 + 7 + 2 = \square$	
18	$24 - 9 = 24 - 4 - 5 = \square$	
19	$97 - 96 = \square$	
20	$2 + 59 = \square$	
21	$11 + 11 = 11 \times \square$	
22	$7 \times 4 = 28$ , so $28 \div 7 = \square$	
23	$27 - 31 = 20 + 30 + \square$	
24	Write 10 minutes to 8 (am) in 12-hour clock format	
25	Write 4:40 pm in 24-hour clock format	
26	What time is 90 minutes after 23:40?	
27	Are these numbers listed in descending order? -10, 10	
28	$2 - 6 = \square$	
29	9, 1, -7, -15, $\square$	
30	Is 309 wholly divisible by 2?	

## Exciting product under development... Announcing Ninjas Plus

Your yearly subscription to Numeracy Ninjas allows us to continue the development of our resources and we are delighted to announce a new product currently under development which will be launched as part of the 2024/25 resources in summer 2024.

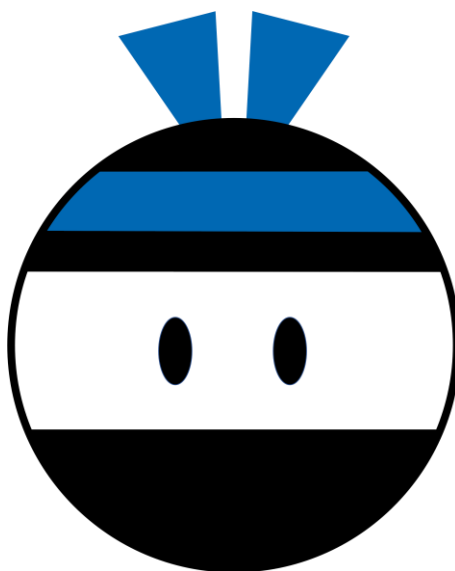
We are grateful for all the feedback we receive from schools and a common theme is schools wanting some Numeracy Ninjas resources which keep the benefits of spaced and interleaved retrieval practice, but which focus on the 'next level up' mathematical skills. Introducing... **Ninjas Plus**.

Ninjas Plus will bring all the existing benefits of Numeracy Ninjas resources to a whole new series of weekly quizzes which focus on **150** brand new **Ninjas Plus Skills**. These build off the existing 72 Ninja Skills and cover areas such as **algebraic manipulation, laws of indices, angle facts, area, volume, linear graphs** and much more.

There will be 3 tiers of increasing difficulty to the Ninjas Plus programme, **bronze, silver** and **gold**, each covering 50 Ninjas Plus Skills with each tier intended to take one school year to progress through if used once per week in lessons. As always, there will be flexibility to allow schools to use the resources in the way which most suits their learners' needs.

Similarly to the existing Ninjas Skill Books, the Ninjas Plus resources will incorporate principles from cognitive science and gamification to ensure that learners engage well with them and make good progress through doing so.

We hope you are as excited as we are about the development of Ninjas Plus and will share more information in our next newsletter.

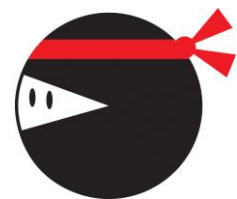
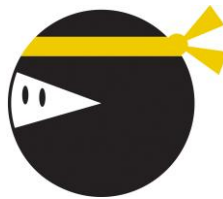
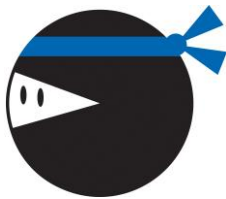


## Reward your learners with Ninjas merch

Your learners have worked hard to boost their Ninja Score, now it's time to reward them for their efforts.

Check out the [Numeracy Ninjas Online Shop](#) which sells a range of merchandise to suit all tastes and budgets including stickers, fridge magnets, t-shirts, water bottles, phone cases and much more.

Show you're a Ninja Teacher with a [Ninjas-branded mug](#) too!



## Ninjas in 10 Downing Street

Numeracy Ninjas creator, Will Emeny received an invitation from the Education Secretary to attend a reception at 10 Downing Street to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pearson National Teaching Awards.

Will won the prestigious **Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School** award in 2016.

The reception included a speech by Lord David Putnam, the founder of the Teaching Awards.

Find out more about the Teaching Awards [here](#).

## Autumn Prize Draw

We are delighted to announce the following subscribing schools as winners of the Autumn Term Prize Draw:

1. Elizabeth Woodville School
2. Heartlands Academy
3. Ormiston Endeavour Academy
4. The Lowry Academy
5. Edward Peake C of E Middle School
6. St Thomas More Catholic School
7. Aylward Academy
8. Brackensdale Spencer Academy
9. Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School
10. Fakenham Academy

You have each won a selection of Ninjas-branded prizes to share with your students. These will be posted to you in early January 2024. Congratulations!

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