

Friday 22nd January

Dear Year 5,

Maths Problem Solving Activity

Using your learning of decimal place value, have a go at one of these problem-solving activities. The first activity is easier, the second more challenging so choose the activity which best fits your ability. If you usually work in a supported group try the first, if you usually try the challenge try the second



Two digit targets (Easier)

You have a set of the digits from 0 - 9.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Can you arrange these digits in the five boxes below to make two-digit numbers as close to the targets as possible? You may use each digit once only.

largest even number	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
largest odd number	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
smallest odd number	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
largest multiple of 5	<div><div></div><div></div></div>
number closest to 50	<div><div></div><div></div></div>

How will you know that your solution is as close to the targets as possible?
You can also try this activity using decimal numbers.

Reach 100 (Tricky)

Here is a grid of four "boxes":

You must choose four **different** digits from 1–9 and put one in each box.
For example:

5	2
1	9

This gives four two-digit numbers:

52(reading along the 1st row)

19(reading along the 2nd row)

51(reading down the left hand column)

29(reading down the right hand column)

In this case their sum is 151.

Try a few examples of your own.

Is there a quick way to tell if the total is going to be even or odd?

Your challenge is to find four **different** digits that give four two-digit numbers which add to a total of 100.

How many ways can you find of doing it?