“Rising Stars Mathematics is a well-kitted-out, creative and skilled programme which ticks all the right boxes!”

Great textbooks need to speak to children, engage them, motivate and teach them, and these do exactly that!

There is a sizeable full-colour Textbook for each year group, and every chapter features characters who introduce and discuss common misconceptions. This creates a friendly feel to the books while also offering rich opportunities for mathematical talk and learning conversations. Each unit includes a box-out stating which resources you will need, followed by clear and accessible explanations with accompanying practice sections and think boxes. To help further there are write-in Practice Books that provide carefully structured activities for all the concepts covered, offering plenty of consolidation for developing and embedding understanding. You also get 84 expansion activities presented as homework sheets to explore maths further.

Comprehensive Teacher’s Guides

But Rising Stars has plenty more to offer besides the Textbooks. The Teacher’s Guides are strong, well-written resources that offer rigorous support. You won’t find any scripted lesson planning (which is easily over-relied upon and can suck all the creativity out of a lesson) but you will find magnificent guidance and a comprehensive structure, underpinned by a concrete-pictorial-abstract approach to learning. It’s all here and masterfully written with an expert eye – right down to the planning grids and steps for learning.

Bring maths to life with digital resources

The digital resources are a key component of the Rising Stars package, which includes digital versions of the Teacher’s Guides and Textbooks – all enhanced with some delightful animations to bring concepts to life. There is also the bountiful interactive Teacher Toolkit, which is ideal for modelling concepts on the whiteboard, and an excellent collection of CPD videos for you to sample.

A five star resource!

Rising Stars Mathematics provides coherence, presenting the work in a connected and consistent manner, using a logical step-by-step approach. In total it provides ample support for the progression of technical fluency and conceptual understanding with lots of opportunities for intelligent practice.

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