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LEAP YEAR

AGES 3-7



Financial Education Primary Planning Framework links:

- I can make simple choices about saving some of my money **3-5**
- I am beginning to understand that people may make different choices about how to save and spend money **5-7**

MATERIALS

- ✓ Leap Year PowerPoint Slides



ACTIVITY Use the Leap Year PowerPoint to support the assembly delivery.

20 min

This activity will encourage pupils to consider the implications and opportunities presented by a leap year.

What is a leap year?

Ask the pupils if they know what is meant by a 'leap year'? A leap year means there's an extra day in the calendar - February 29th. This extra day is called a **LEAP DAY** and it only comes every 4 years!

When is the next LEAP DAY?

We've just had a leap day, on Saturday 29th February 2020! The next LEAP DAY will be on Thursday 29th February 2024.

What could you do to celebrate the next LEAP DAY?

A LEAP DAY is a special day in the calendar, and lots of people celebrate this day by doing something to mark the occasion.

Give the pupils three minutes to speak to their partner about their ideas for celebrating the LEAP DAY.

You could give the pupils a few ideas to inspire them e.g. they could eat their favourite food, they could have a party with their friends...

Then ask for some volunteers to share their ideas. Choose a few of the ideas and ask the pupils:

Will your celebrations cost money?

Will these activities cost money? Ask the pupils to tell you which items will cost money. For example, if the pupils have decided to celebrate the leap day by having a small party, then they will need to buy food, drinks, party outfits, decorations, something for a party game etc

Where will the money come from?

Explain that there's 4 years until the next leap day - how could you make sure you have the money you need for your activity by 29th February 2024?

Encourage pupils to consider how they could plan to get the money. Options could include:

- Regularly saving their pocket money
- Earning money from chores and saving some of this

Ask the pupils if they think creating a savings plan which outlines what their goal would be and how much money they need to have for their activities, would help them save money for the leap day?