Year 4 Maths Negative Numbers

## What are negative numbers?

Negative numbers are numbers that are LESS THAN 0.

Can you think of any examples of when you might see negative numbers in everyday life?

Click this picture to be taken to BBC Bitesize with a great video explaining about negative numbers!



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Answer – the jumps are in 2's, so -3 would be in-between -2 and -4.

## Time for you to have a go at Task 1!

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Have a go at the one below – would drawing a numberline help you?

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Reading the question, I know my starting temperature is 4c. In the context of the question, "fallen" means getting colder so I know I need to go backwards to find the temperature that is 11c colder than the starting temperature.

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Now work through the questions:

## There are 3 questions for day 2 And 2 sets of questions for day 3.

There is also a <u>maths challenge</u> – have a go and email your answers to your teachers!