Max’s Market Maths Mystery

Learning objective: To practise retrieval of information and identifying descriptive language in a narrative text.

Max the monkey is helping at the local market today! He has made a list of his tasks and the items he found. Read the clues below and match the item to the correct description. Then, answer the questions about Max’s busy day to show your understanding.

Word bank: shiny red apple · spiky pineapple · bunch of bananas · crusty loaf of bread · bright blue bag

1. Match these items to the adjectives Max used in his notes: 1. A fruit that is yellow and curved. 2. A fruit that has a rough, prickly skin. 3. A fruit that is polished and glowing. (3 marks)

2. Max bought a loaf of bread for £1.50 and a bag of apples for £2.25. How much did he spend in total? Show your working. (2 marks)

3. Why does Max think the market is like a maths puzzle? Use evidence from the text to explain. (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one adjective from the word bank that describes the texture of the bread. (1 mark)

5. If Max has £5.00 and spends £3.75 at the market, how much change does he get back? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing at a market stall holding his bright blue bag. Include at least three of the items mentioned in the word bank on the table.

Extension challenge: Write three sentences describing a new item Max might find at the market using your own adjectives. Remember to describe the colour, shape, or texture!