Max the Monkey’s Christmas Market Maths

Learning objective: To solve one-step and two-step problems involving addition, subtraction, and money in the context of a Christmas market.

Help Max the Monkey work out the costs at the Christmas market! Read the prices of the items in the market stall list below and use your maths skills to answer the questions. Remember to use the £ symbol for your answers.

Word bank: total · change · cost · add · subtract · difference · pounds · pence · price

1. The Christmas Market Price List:
- Star decoration: £2
- Hot chocolate: £3
- Holly wreath: £5
- Gingerbread biscuit: £1

Max wants to buy a Star decoration and a Hot chocolate. What is the total cost? (2 marks)

2. Max has a £10 note. If he buys a Holly wreath for £5, how much change should he get back? (2 marks)

3. A Gingerbread biscuit costs £1. If Max buys 3 biscuits for his friends, how much does he spend in total? (2 marks)

4. What is the difference in price between a Holly wreath (£5) and a Star decoration (£2)? (2 marks)

5. Max finds a special Christmas bauble that costs £4. If he already spent £3 on a Hot chocolate, how much has he spent altogether? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: If you had £20 to spend at the market, which items would you choose to buy? Write down your shopping list and calculate the total cost, then work out how much change you would have left from your £20.