Max’s Magnificent Fractions!

Max the Monkey is on a mission to share his snacks fairly! Can you help him master fractions?

■ **A fraction shows how many parts of a whole we have. The bottom number (denominator) tells us how many equal parts the shape is split into.**

■ **The top number (numerator) tells us how many of those equal parts we are looking at or counting.**

■ **One half (1/2) means one whole is split into two equal parts. If you share a £1 coin into two equal parts, each part is 50p.**

■ **One quarter (1/4) means one whole is split into four equal parts. If you have four apples, one quarter of that set is one apple.**

■ **When we say three quarters (3/4), we mean we have three out of the four equal parts of a whole.**

■ **Always remember: for a shape or a set to be a fraction, the parts must be exactly equal in size!**

Did you know? Did you know? The word 'fraction' comes from a Latin word that means 'to break'. When we use fractions, we are breaking a whole object into smaller, equal pieces!

Key vocabulary: Fraction · Numerator · Denominator · Whole · Half · Quarter · Third · Equal parts