

Chess club week 4: checkmate!

Lesson aims:

- To be able to understand what is a checkmate
- To be able to understand how we can perform a checkmate
- To be able to know how we can defend from a checkmate

Equipment:

- Chess pieces
- Chess board
- Tables
- Resource sheets

Main activity: 40 minutes

First activity: explain what is a checkmate

- Tell the children what a checkmate is and what piece you need to take in order for it to be checkmate.
- Show on the board where the king is placed on the board.

Second activity: How we can defend and get a checkmate

- Show how can move pieces round to get to checkmate and that taking pieces will make it easier to get a chess piece.
- Now show how we can defend the king in various ways.
- Get children to practise with you

Third activity:

- Now children will practise various ways of trying to get a checkmate.
- Reinforce this is now about using our tactics and strategy
- Keep using different movements to try and get a checkmate.

Coaching points:

- Use different movements
- Make sure we are thinking before we place our moves
- Tactics and strategy

Debrief and certificate:

Ask questions - what ways can we defend? What piece will be a checkmate? What ways can we get checkmate?