# Independent Task To develop strategies to plan and solve problems

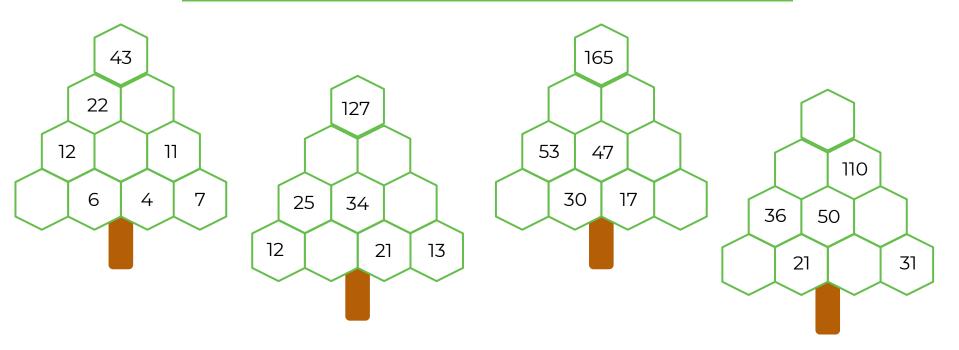
Maths

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#### **To Start**

## Complete the number trees. The number at the top is the sum of the two numbers below it.





### **Moving on**

Can you work out how many blocks would be needed to make the first 6 steps in the sequence?

Step	Total Blocks	
1	1	
2	4	
3		
4		
5		
6		

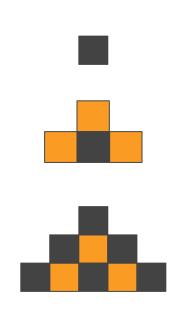
What is the rule of this sequence? What happens to the total cubes value each time? Explain in a sentence:



#### Main task

What other patterns can we spot if we break it down even more?

Step number	New blocks	Total blocks
1	1	1
2	3	4
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		





#### Challenge

Using what we know, how can we work out the number of blocks for ANY step number?

Step number	Way to work it out	Total
1	1x1 or 1 <sup>2</sup>	1
2	2 x 2 or 2 <sup>2</sup>	4
3		
9		
10		
20		
50		

