

Understanding the Calendar and Dates

Chapter 12: Ticking Clocks and Turning Calendar · Topic 2

Key Concept

A calendar year has 12 months, with some having 30 days, some 31 days, and February usually having 28 (29 in a leap year).

A leap year happens every 4 years, adding one extra day to February, to keep our calendar aligned with Earth's orbit around the Sun.

We can calculate dates, like finding what day it will be a week from today, or how many days are left until a certain date.

Understanding calendars and dates helps us plan events, remember important days, and understand time passing over weeks, months, and years.

Quick Revision Notes

- A year has 12 months.
- Some months have 30 days, some have 31.
- February usually has 28 days, 29 in a leap year.
- A leap year happens every 4 years.
- Leap years keep the calendar aligned with Earth's orbit.
- We can calculate dates using addition or subtraction.
- Calendars help us plan events and remember dates.
- Understanding dates helps track time over weeks and months.

Practice Questions

- 1 Find out if this year is a leap year.
- 2 Calculate what day it will be one week from today.
- 3 Find how many days are left until your birthday.
- 4 List the months with 31 days.
- 5 Discuss why leap years exist with your family.
- 6 Mark an important date on a calendar and count days until it.