

# Imaginary Numbers!

Child Number 1 came home from school today (He's in Year 7) asking about imaginary numbers. I was more at home when he was two and he and I lay on our stomachs peering down between the floorboards at the little people living there! ( We were both believers.)

Today he seems completely unfazed by the concept of imaginary numbers and launched into a deep dive discussion with his grandad on the importance of establishing the square root of negative numbers and thus the need for imaginary numbers. This seems to be a thing with the maths brethren. ( You feeling fazed? Yeah, me too.)

But please note, I take full credit for the development of Child Number 1's creative imagination! Who knew that those little people under the floorboards would be the start of an elastic mathematical brain?

PS Never imagined it would take him in this direction.

PPS Or his journey into quantum physics which also interests him. ( Signal lengthy discussion with Grandad about black holes and their nature.) Quantum physics? Now that really is a work of imagination.

PPPS I guess the point is, you can launch a sky rocket but you can't always know where it's going to land. It's just important to light the fuse.

PPPPS. Stand well back and enjoy the fireworks.

