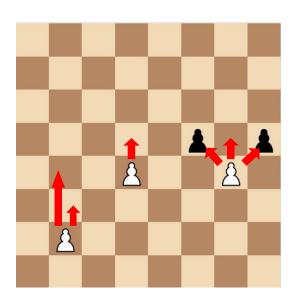


Lesson 1: the PAWN





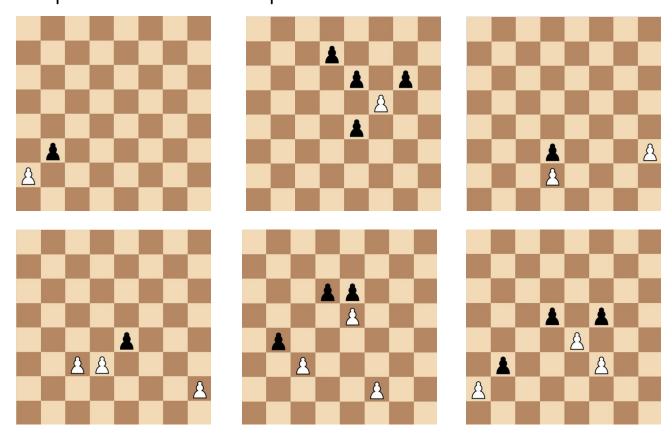


The Pawn Move

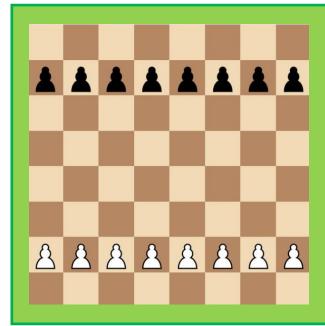
- only forwards!
- one or two squares on their first move
- only one square after that
- pawns capture diagonally forwards

Puzzle Corner

Put a cross in any square that a White pawn can move to, and circle any Black pawns that White can capture.







Mini-game: Capture the Flag!

Set up the position on the left. Take turns to move your pawns (White moves up the board, Black moves down). Win the game by:

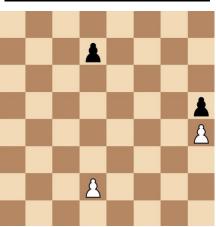
- 1. being the first to get a pawn to the far end of the board and capturing your opponent's flag!
- 2. capturing all your opponent's pawns.
- 3. blocking all your opponent's pawns so none of them can move.

Remember—in chess, White moves first.

Blocked!

Two of the pawns on the right are blocked. Neither can move. Can you find them? They remind us of the Dr Seuss story "The Zax". Have you read it?





Did you know?

Chess is game of war. Armies used to be led by someone carrying a "standard", or flag. In our mini- game the flag is imaginary but the battle is real!

A game of Capture The Flag has reached this position. If both sides play their best moves, who should win, White or Black? Can you describe the winning strategy? It's White's move. Answer with Lesson 2.

Notes for parents and carers

This is the first of a series of free activity sheets published during the school shutdown. They will cover all the basic rules of chess and lead onto more advanced tactics and strategies. Content is based on the CSC Curriculum that we deliver in 340 schools across the country each week. Children learn best by practising the game. We recommend you play the mini-games given here with your child as a fun way to improve. Let us know how you get on #ChessatHome.

There will be new lessons each week. Find them all on our website, along with YouTube lessons, Kahoot quizzes, and much more!