- A Number square
- Long Multiplication
- A whiteboard

Maths investigation of square numbers:

## Hard

If a number is PALINDROMIC, it can be read the same way forwards as backwards e.g. $\mathbf{9 8 9}$ or $\mathbf{1 0 0 1}$

Challenge: Can you find the first $\mathbf{3}$ numbers that are square numbers and are also palindromes?
(CLUE: The answers are more than 100, but less than 1000)

## Tricky

Challenge: can you find 2 square numbers that add together to make another square number?
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Challenge: can you find 3 square numbers that add together to make another square number?
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## Easier

Find the square numbers by following the pattern.
Use 2 different colours to make the square bigger:


| Odd <br> number | Square number | Pattern |
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| $+\mathbf{1}$ | 1 | $\mathbf{1 \times 1 = 1}$ |
| +3 | 4 | $2 \times 2=4$ |
| +5 |  |  |
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## Answers

2 square numbers that add to make a square number

- $9+16=25$
- $36+64=100$
- $81+144=225$

Square numbers that are palindromes

- 121
- 484
- 676

3 square numbers that add to make a square number

- $4+9+36=49$
- $1+16+64=81$
- $16+25+400=441$

