## **Money-making Mice**

- Key financial ideas ★ We all need to manage our money so that we can at least cover our costs.
  - ★ It's possible to earn some income from hobbies and interests.

You need

- ★ a cash-book record sheet (see copymaster) ★ 2-4 players
- ★1 counter each

more mice + 540

CHEESE

Game



CHEESE

Mousetrap: lose all your balance!

BUY new

Buy new

mice \_ \$30

Get \$50 each time you land here

Birthday present: double your money

> Earn \$20 from gardening

Earn \$50 from lawnmowing

Subtract \$50 for bicycle repairs

Earn \$10 from cooking meals

Mousetrap:

lose half of your balance!

CHEESE

shavings for bedding

\$10

Buy new tunnel - \$20

THE BIG CHEESE

Buy new water drip - \$7

Buy more shavings for bedding

- \$10

Buy more

- Place the counters on Start.
- ★ Each player starts with \$50. Record your scores carefully on your copy of the cash-book record sheet. Ask other players for help if you need to.

Cash-book Record Sheet			
Description	Money in	Money out	Balance
			\$50
Sell mice	\$30		\$80
Food bowl		\$5	\$75

- **★** Take turns to throw the dice and move your counter forward that number of spaces.
- \* Then:
  - if you land on a space with a sum of money on it, add that amount to or subtract it from your total;
  - ★ if you land on a mouse wheel, do nothing;
  - \* if you land on a piece of cheese, choose one of the options from the cheese in the centre.
- ◆ Players are out of the game if their bank balance goes below zero.
- ★ Continue going around the mouse board until one player has a balance of exactly \$200. That person is the winner!



Reflective questions

- ★ Why do some people put money aside "for a rainy day"?
- ★ What are the potential consequences if you have no money saved in the bank or elsewhere?