

23 November

On This Day in Science: Fibonacci Day

November 23rd is also known as Fibonacci Day, honouring Leonardo Fibonacci (born ca. 1170) from Pisa (Italy), one of the most important mathematicians of the Middle Ages. He discovered a pattern of counting made up of numbers that sum the previous two numbers before them (1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, etc.). This sequence continues to influence maths and technology to this day and is used in coding, design, DNA studies, and so on. November 23rd was selected to celebrate Fibonacci Day because the format of the date 11/23 corresponds to the first four digits of the Fibonacci sequence.

For more information:

<https://nationaltoday.com/fibonacci-day/>

<https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/fun/fibonacci-day>



(Fibonacci (Leonardo Pisano), statue by Giovanni Paganucci, 1863; in the Camposanto, Pisa, Italy.)