



maths

How you can help at home!

Everyone wants their child to do well in maths. If you're wondering what you could be doing to support your child's learning at home, read on for our top tips.

Everyday counting:

- Count the food items as they are placed in the trolley or unpacked at home. Could you count in 2s, 3s, 5s or 10s?
- Count each pass of the ball as you play a game.
- Collect and count objects such as toys, shells, and flowers from the garden.
- Count days down to a special event.



Problem solving and Investigating:

- You can find popular logic puzzles such as Sudoku in newspapers to do together.
- Make up your own word problems, e.g. if we go swimming at 5 o'clock and swim for half an hour. What time will we finish?

Making maths fun:



Baking a cake? Let your child help out with everything from weighing and measuring your ingredients to working out timings and cost, e.g. if 1 cake cost £1.25 to make, how much will 5 cost?

Money:



Encourage your child to work out how much change you will get after buying something.

Investigate costs for family trips together. For example, a visit to a theme park may include transport costs, entry ticket costs and food costs.

Discuss saving money for presents or something your child may want to buy. Work out how long it will take to save this much if they get a small amount of money each week.

Remember to remind your children about having a Growth Mindset. As resilient learners, we don't give up; we keep trying until we get there, even if we find some parts of our learning tricky.

Useful websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/ordering-and-sequencing-numbers>

<http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage>