

How can I support my child in Maths at home? (KS2)

Here are some tips on how to support your child with their Maths learning using technology-free ideas and also how to support your child whilst they are doing teacher-set activities.



Board Games

Board games are a fantastic way of having family fun and practising basic Maths skills.

For example:

Monopoly – working with money & reasoning

Connect 4 – spotting patterns, counting

Snakes and Ladders (a creative task if you don't have this at home) – counting, the possibility of rolling a certain number on the dice

Everyday Routine

There are lots of opportunities throughout a normal day that you can incorporate Maths.

Telling the time is a tricky concept for lots of children so talking about the time, how long until snack/break/dinner times and asking children 'what time will it be in 2 hours?' etc will help with your child's understanding.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/learning-to-tell-the-time/>

The link above has more information on telling the time.

Outside Time

When you are out for your daily exercise, ask children to spot 'Maths' on your walk.

What 2D or 3D shapes can you see? Can you find any right-angles? Can you find any objects that are in groups of 6 (or other numbers)? How long have we been out for a walk?

Times Tables

Times tables are used every day in Maths so it is important that children can recall these facts quickly! Create your own game to make it extra fun.

'I didn't get taught that way'

One of the many challenges that parents face is that the methods and subject material that their children are learning are different to when they were at school.

Encourage children to explain their way of doing a calculation and ask them to show you how they do it. There are lots of resources on the website that give guidance to parents about the new methods. If you are still unsure, please ask your child's class teacher for more guidance.

Setting a routine, encouraging your child to set goals and having a place to study is helpful to allow your child to concentrate.

We also appreciate that many parents are still working full time whilst trying to support their child. Please do not put pressure on yourself to be teaching them new things. Embedding the basics of Maths is most important.

More Information

Further information about the above ideas can be found using the following link:
[Supporting your child at home](#)

If you have any further questions or would like more suggestions, please e-mail your child's class teacher through the school office.