

# "Learning is a journey, to be taken together, one step at a time"



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# How can I support my child in Maths at home? (KS1)

Although there are lots of Maths resources on our school website created by our teachers and from other sources, here are some technology-free ideas to help support your child's learning in Maths.



#### **Board Games**

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

For example:

Monopoly – rolling dice, counting on, working with money and reasoning

Connect 4 - spotting patterns, counting

Snakes and Ladders (a creative task if you don't have this at home) – counting, rolling dice

## **Everyday Routine**

There are lots of opportunities throughout a normal day that you can incorporate Maths. For example, meal times could be an opportunity to set the table, count out how much cutlery you need or how many plates they need to get out.

If they are tidying up, how many items did they put away? How long did it take them to tidy up?

Ask them to share out their toys, or bricks with you and them. This starts the discussion about division.

## **Reading Stories**

When reading a story with your child, look for opportunities to practise and talk about Maths.

https://www.mathsthroughstories. org/recommendations.html

The website above gives you a list of books for different topics in Maths.

#### **Baking/Cooking**

Baking/Cooking is a perfect opportunity for children to practise their measuring and counting skills.

#### Maths Language

Use Maths language as part of everyday conversations and playtime. 'Which toy is bigger? Who has more? Are they shared fairly?'

# Outside Time

When you are out for your daily exercise, you could count how many birds you see, how many different plants you can find (linked to Science) or how many shapes you can see.

## More Information

Further information about the above ideas can be found using the following link: News Article

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