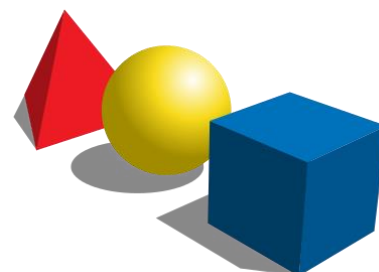


Helping Your Child with Maths



Why is it important to help my child with Maths?

Children who have support from home are more successful at school. Don't say 'I was no good at maths at school' as this will affect your child's view!

Maths is a central part of our everyday life.

Here are some ways you can help your child with maths every day.

- Counting steps as you climb stairs
- Matching objects to number of people (eg- number of plates needed for teatime).
- Pairing socks and then counting in 2's to count how many socks altogether
- Looking for numbers on your walk to school- number plates, numbers on buses, house numbers
- Sharing sweets/ biscuits with family members/friends
- Handling coins when shopping
- Weighing ingredients when cooking/baking
- Looking for shapes when out walking
- Playing board games/ card games
- Talk about the time (eg bedtime at 7pm and show the children how this looks on the clock face.
- Talk about the day of the week and date.

Some challenges you can present.

- The answer is 10, what is the question? (eg it could be $5+5$, $7+3$, $12-2$ there are endless possibilities)
- What is wrong? 1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,10 (ask your child to explain your mistake)
- How many jumps can you do in one minute? How would we write this number?

- What model can you build with 20 blocks/bricks? (your child will need to count the 20 blocks/ bricks to begin the challenge)
- How many different ways can you make 5?
- How many different shapes can you find?

What will my child be taught in Reception?

- Your child will be taught to count in sequence in 1's to 20 at least. They will be taught to read number symbols to 20. They will also be taught to count on from a given number and to count backwards.
- They will be taught to recognise small amounts without counting (subitising)
- They will be encouraged to notice how numbers are made up of other numbers (eg, within 5, there are 5x 1's, 2x 2's and 1 etc.)
- They will be taught to automatically recall number bonds to 5 and 10.
- They will be taught to calculate – adding and subtracting, doubling with numbers to 10 and to share (divide) in practical situations.
- They will be taught to count in different steps (10's to 100, 2's to 20 and 5's to 50).
- They will be taught to compare and contrast different lengths and masses aswell as naming and describing 2D and 3D shapes.
- They will be taught to know the days of the week and to mark time in simple ways.

Don't be afraid to ask for help if you are not sure how to help your child with Maths.