

Top Tips to Support Your Child's Maths Learning

1. Be positive about maths, even if you don't feel confident yourself.

Let's all be positive about maths learning. In the UK we sometimes hear 'I was no good at maths when I was at school'. Over time this has had an impact nationally. Our pupils enjoy their maths - let them share that enjoyment with you!



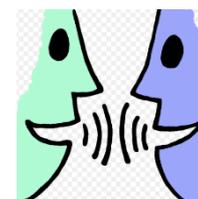
2. Talk and listen to your child about their work in maths.

Talking through things helps to make meaning of things. Talking work through is great for helping the learning to 'stick'. We do this as adults. This is an important part of maths learning.

3. It will help your child if they explain their work to you.

In class we also ask them to explain their thinking.

Pupils like to be teachers too! Explanations in maths are really important. Ask your children 'Why.....?' or 'How did you do that?' - You may be surprised at their answers!



4. Help your child to practise number facts. This will build up their confidence. This needs to be fun!!!!

There are some number facts which pupils need to learn really well.

These are things like times tables and number bonds (like 8 add 2 equals 10; 800 add 200 equals 1000 etc)

If your child finds this hard then practise two or three facts to make sure they really have them before you move on to some others.

5. Give your child lots of praise and encouragement - especially when they work hard!

Getting stuck is part of learning.

Great learning takes place when pupils overcome difficulties and work hard. We like to recognise effort and hard work rather than lots of work.



6. Sit with your child as they do their maths - it's helpful to know what they are learning and how they are learning.

Ask your child to explain their jottings. Or to talk you through the example they have done. Eg What does this mean? Why did you do that? How do you know that answer is correct?



Other things to consider:

- Sharing games with your child.



Playing cards and dominoes are really helpful.

Try these links

Domino activities <https://nrich.maths.org/1200>

Playing card activities <https://www.theschoolrun.com/10-ways-playing-cards-helps-children-with-maths>

- Involve your child in real life activities which involve mathematics.

Eg shopping, cooking, setting timers etc

It really helps pupils to realise how much maths is part of our daily lives.

- Draw attention to how much use you (and other people) make of maths in real life situations.

As your children grow who knows what their jobs will be? Whatever the job it is highly likely they will use maths learning!

Think about a carpet layer and measuring or a hairdresser mixing hair treatments, maybe your child might become a designer?!!



- Encourage your child to access appropriate apps / websites. You may enjoy this too!

Talking and discussing the maths is really helpful and is part of the learning.

Times table example:

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Number bonds examples <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/addition-and-subtraction>

- Have fun with maths.

Let's make sure that our pupils enjoy their maths learning ready for their futures.

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