

Ways to support your child at home

KS1 and KS2 National Curriculum sets out what children should have learn each year at primary school both in terms of knowledge and skills; how this information is taught, in what order and with what materials, is up to individual schools.

There are a number of ways that you can support your child at home in maths. best way to support your child at home in Maths. Any time you are able to make maths 'real' for children is brilliant - please involve them any time you are reading scales (such as weighing in cooking), using money to pay at a till, and recognising numbers around them.

Children need to see that maths is not just something they do at school! Checking weights of products in shops and the capacity of certain containers is also a great way to learn concepts such as mass and measures.

Practising number bonds (quick mental addition and subtraction) and times tables - these provide a fantastic foundation for all areas of maths learning and is something practise regularly in order to keep up these skills.

National Numeracy <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/> has a useful website called the Family Maths Toolkit which has great ideas for helping your child engage with maths in everyday life.

Their top tips are:

- Be positive about maths! Never say things like “I can’t do maths” or “I hated maths at school”; your child might start to think like that themselves.
- Point out the maths in everyday life. Include your child in activities involving maths such as using money, cooking and travelling.
- Praise your child for effort rather than talent – this shows them that by working hard they can always improve.

There is lots of other helpful advice for families, too. The website also has family maths activity ideas for children 5 years old and under and for children who are 6-9 years old (it also has activities for children 10-13 years old).

Also take a look at the Oxford Owl maths website.