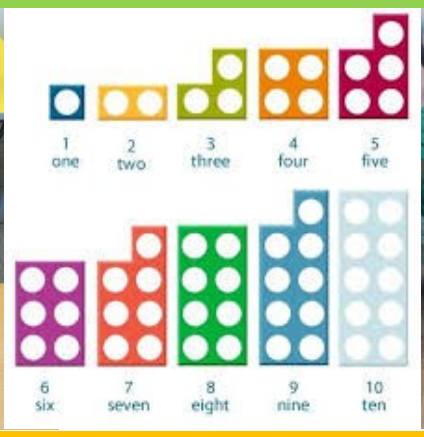
Maths at Home



A booklet to help your child love maths

Maths with your child at home

We want your child to love and be confident with Maths from a very young age.

A solid understanding of everyday maths will help your children throughout their life. It will help them make decisions and understand information and develop essential life skills. These include managing money and timekeeping. Confidence with numbers and shapes will enrich your child's life immeasurably.

You can help your child with Maths in many ways.

It can look like:

- Counting objects in the home together
- Pointing out numbers on signs etc. when you are out and about
- Looking for different shapes and talking about them.
- Playing card games like 'Snap' or 'Matching Pairs'
- Singing songs and nursery rhymes with numbers
- Playing games which involve keeping score, and talking about the numbers
- Using jigsaw puzzles and playing games like Sudoku will help their concentration and thinking skills
- Playing and sharing different Maths apps

How to help your child love Maths

Here are some top tips on how to help your child develop a love of Maths:

1. Be a positive Maths role model.

Children will like Maths if you do too. Avoid saying "I can't do maths" or "I hated maths at school" as your child might start to think like that themselves.

2. Remember that Maths is all around us.

Look for the maths in everyday life. There are many daily activities you can involve your child in which require Maths. These include using money, cooking and travelling. Remember that you can count anything!

3. Praise your child for effort instead of talent.

Everyone can do Maths with the right support and practice. By praising effort you show your child that by working hard they can always improve.

4. Use objects and pictures to help your child's understanding.

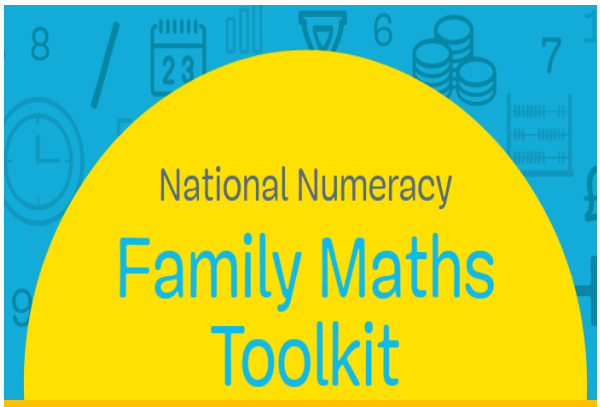
Children understand Maths best when they have objects and pictures to help them. If your child is struggling with a calculation, use objects like counters or marbles to help them work it out. Try 'drawing out' the problem too, so they can see the Maths in action!

Useful Maths Apps and Websites

There are many great apps and websites that can help your child's confidence with Maths. Here are a selection:

Hit the Button

A great website to support rapid recall of key Maths Facts.



Family Maths Toolkit

A super site from National Numeracy with ideas to help develop a love of Maths at home.

Star Dash Studios

A fantastic interactive game from National Numeracy.

BBC Bitesize

Bitesize Maths KS1

A website with lots of different activities to help your child's Maths