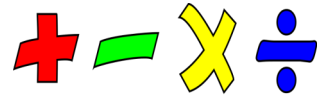




Top tips for helping your child with maths



Be positive

Many teachers and parents are anxious about maths, sometimes they found it difficult themselves, or they learnt that it is cool not to be good at maths. Try not to pass this on to children, or it will be an uphill struggle to motivate them to learn the essential maths skills they will need as they grow up. So...

Make maths fun.

There are lots of ways that maths is great and that you can help to get children excited about it. It could be counting your daily steps, saving money for something they really want, how many sleeps until a birthday or Christmas or weighing the ingredients for a cake

Use maths every day

Maths is about time, and money, and planning and working out if you have got enough of something, or too much. Its about colours, and music and dancing and cars and football statistics.

Maths is about thinking and problem solving

As well as potentially being lots of fun, maths is also an essential life skill. Shopping, cooking, decorating, planning a days activities or a big day out, buying on credit, deciding where and when to go on holiday. All these things are a whole lot easier when some mathematics are applied!

Play games

Just about every board game, game you play on a car journey or sport has all sorts of mathematical opportunities involved. Whether its counting or trying to work out risk, whether its trying not to go bankrupt or avoiding a snake and trying to land on a ladder, the opportunities are there.

The computer is your friend

Most adults realise that children they know are far better at using computers than they are and, whilst you may think they spend too much time gaming (and they might) most computer games. Plus, if you are looking for a way to support your child with maths, you should have been issued with log-in details for RM Easimaths.

It's fine to make mistakes

It happens to us all, and if your child sees that you make mistakes, and its ok, then that will help them learn that it's okay for them to make mistakes too!

