

## **Helping your child with maths at home**

When doing maths at home, try to make maths as much fun as possible - games, puzzles and jigsaws are a great way to start. It's also important to show how we use maths skills in our everyday lives and to involve your child in this. Identifying problems and solving them can also help your child develop maths skills. If you see him or her puzzling over something, talk about the problem and try to work out the solution together.

Don't shy away from maths if you didn't like it at school. Try to find new ways to enjoy the subject with your child.

If you are unsure as to which written method to use for calculations, visit the school website to look at our calculation policy. This shows you which calculation methods your child will have been taught and provides some examples to help you.

### **Practical ideas for developing maths skills at home:**

- Point out the different shapes to be found around your home. What are they called? What are their properties, e.g. sides, vertices, angles, etc?
- Bake together to develop measuring skills, an understanding of mass and weight, and ask them questions relating to quantities, cooking times, units of measure, etc.
- Take your child shopping and talk about the quantities of anything you buy.
- Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost and what change they will receive when paying with different amounts of money.
- Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates.
- Make up songs, poems and raps to help your child learn their times tables. You could also make times tables posters for your child's bedroom walls.