

## Helping your child with maths



At St Andrew's we 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.

Tips for helping your child to enjoy maths:

- Point out the different shapes to be found around your home.
- 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.
- Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates.

## Tips for good homework habits

- Do find a quiet place at home to use as a homework area. It needs a flat surface, a good light source and the right equipment eg pens, pencils, ruler, scissors, glue.
- Use the calculation policy to understand the methods your child will be taught at school.
- Do plan a homework timetable and agree on when your child will do their homework.
- Do allow your child to have something nutritional to eat before starting on homework.
- Do discuss any homework tasks with your child and how it connects with what they are studying at school.
- Do turn off the TV - but you could have music on if they find it helpful.
- Don't give your child the answer in order to get a task finished.
- Don't let homework become a chore. Keep it fun and make it a special time that you both look forward to.

**Useful Websites - you may find these useful to support your child with their maths targets.**

- <https://uk.ixl.com/math/>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>
- <https://ttrockstars.com/login>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/>
- <http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/>
- <https://nrich.maths.org/>
- <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/>
- <http://www.snappymaths.com/>
- [http://www.familylearning.org.uk/multiplication\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/multiplication_games.html)

## Useful Apps

- Squeebles: Addition & Subtraction; Maths Bingo; Fractions; Tell the time; Division; Multiplication
- Hit the button
- Maths champions
- Maths slide: addition and subtraction
- Maths slide: multiplication and division
- Maths slide:100 - KS1
- Maths slide:1000 - KS2
- Number Pieces
- Number Frames
- Number Rack
- Pieces Basic
- I See +/-
- I See X
- Geoboard
- Pattern Shapes
- DoodleMaths
- Number Line
- TTRockstars
- What time is it Mr Wolf?
- Number Lines