

Helping your child at home...

- Find out which number facts your child is learning at school (addition facts to 10, times tables, doubles). Try to learn these for a few minutes each day using a range of vocabulary.
- Go shopping with your child to buy two or three items. Ask them to work out the total amount spent and how much change you will get.
- Buy some items with a percentage extra free. Help your child to calculate how much of the product is free.
- Use a TV guide. Ask your child to work out the length of their favourite programmes. Can they calculate how long they spend watching TV each day / each week?
- Use a bus or train timetable. Ask your child to work out how long a journey between two places should take? Go on the journey. Do you arrive earlier or later than expected? How much earlier/later?
- Help your child to scale a recipe up or down to feed the right amount of people.
- Get a thermometer and look at the readings - negative numbers.
- Give children the task of finding the cheapest/dearest baked beans in the shop. What is the difference in price from the cheapest to the dearest? How much could you save?
- Count the faces/ edges/vertices of a shape and work out what it is.
- Play the guess the object - I spy a 3D shape with 6 faces, 12 edges and 8 vertices. All the sides and angles are equal - what is it?
- Use the scales at the supermarket - ask them to get 500g of apples etc.
- Calculate the area and perimeter of a shape - which one is bigger/smaller?
- Ask children the time - look at both analogue and digital clocks.
- Ask what fraction/percentage of the cars in the car park are blue? Or the objects in the shopping basket are fruit/meat/veg?
- Try cutting an apple/banana/cake in half/quarter/thirds/quarters/fifths/sixths etc.