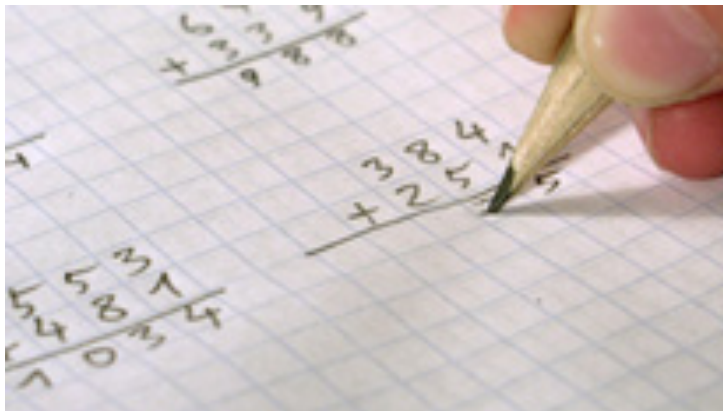


Helping your child with maths

As with reading, 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.
- Play a game of 'estimate how much the shopping will be', encouraging children to 'round up' values. They will quickly get the hang of it
- Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost.
- Get baking! Insist that your child weighs and measures the ingredients
 - Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates. Identify patterns, ask them to add up the numbers on the registration plate, or call out every time they spot a plate that adds up to, say 9.
 - Above all...encourage your child to learn their tables by heart! It is the key to success!