How to help your child with maths?

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS!

**Be positive about maths.**Try not to say things like "I can't do maths" or "I hated maths at school" – your child may start to think like that themselves.

**Point out the maths in everyday life.**Include your child in activities involving numbers and measuring, such as shopping, cooking and travelling.

**Praise your child for effort**rather than for being "clever". This shows them that by working hard, they can always improve.

In school we try and encourage children to be independent and to think about how can they help themselves….?

Can they look at previous work or a method they have copied down to help themselves remember what to do step by step?

Can they ask an adult of a friend? Children often learn more by working it out and discussing it with a friend, than they do from an adult!

Can they work out what to do if they know the answer? Often working backwards can help you understand what you had to do in the first place!

Can they look it up and research how to do it on the internet, there are lots of great websites that can help both you and your child:

<https://www.multiplication.com/>

<https://whizz.com/blog/fun-ways-to-teach-times-tables/>

<https://komodomath.com/blog/how-to-help-your-child-with-times-tables>

<http://www.mathblaster.com/>

<https://www.funbrain.com/> are just some of the many free websites offering games to improve your child’s basic skills.

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize) is an excellent website for extra tuition and explanations. If your child is in years 5 and 6 they are in KS2, years 7 and 8 are KS3.

And remember your child has a login for Timetable Rock Stars and Numbots, great websites to help improve basic skills and times tables, times tables are so important and your child’ instant recall is essential.

Remember: Make it fun and enjoyable, maths is an exciting challenge for some for others an exciting larger challenge, but either way it is important to equip our children with the tools to conquer!!!