



## Let's Focus on Maths (First Level)



**How can I help my child?**

# Top Tips for helping with Maths

Maths is a life skill. There are many strategies that can be used to help develop maths skills. Here are some ways you can help at home.

Practice adding and subtracting numbers-help find any quick ways e.g. to add 9, add 10 then subtract 1.

Practice the link between addition and subtraction.

e.g.  
 $13+5=18$   
 $18-5=13$   
 $18-3=15$

Practice calculations like:

$13+ ? = 18$   
 $? - 7 = 12$   
 $4 \times ? = 8$   
 $? \div 6 = 42$

Make the link between  
 $13+5=18$   
 $5+13=18$

$4 \times 3=12$   
 $3 \times 4=12$

Make the link between multiplication and division.

$4 \times 3=12$   
 $12 \div 3=4$   
 $12 \div 4=3$



Practice telling the time. Make the connection between am and pm. Talk about different times events are on e.g. when is dinner, bedtime, a club, etc.

Talk about the months of the year, identifying months for annual events like Easter, Guy Fawkes Night, Christmas, birthdays, etc.

When baking or shopping let your child weigh things and see real life use of weight and measure.

## Useful Websites

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools)

[www.ictgames](http://www.ictgames)

[www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)



Further information about Numeracy and Maths can be found in our Numeracy and Maths policy which is on our school website:

<http://www.oxgang.e-dunbarton.sch.uk> > School Info > Plans and Policies section.

