

Maths Takeaway



This month's special

Starters

Main course

Pre-school Maths

Did you know ...?

Mathematics is one of the most important subjects that your child will study, and it's never too early to introduce maths to your child through play and talk.

Even if you don't think of yourself as a mathematical genius, there is plenty you can do to make maths learning fun.

Recent research has found that learning at home through activities you do with your children has a big impact on their future learning.



Brushing up your maths skills can make a real difference to your children's lives!



Can you ...?

- measure your child's height and weight in metric and imperial measurements?
- check food packaging to make sure you keep within recommended levels of salt?
- budget for pre-school fees?
- compare prices to get the best value nappies?
- work out the interest from money you put into your Child Trust Fund account?

You can check out your maths skills further by doing the mini-test at:

www.move-on.org.uk/testyourskills.asp.

You can join a free group to improve your maths and gain a national qualification. Ask at your local college or the library, call 0800 100 900 or look on the Move On web site to find a test centre near you.

Do you want to find out more about pre-school learning?

The Direct.gov website has a special section on pre-school learning:

<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Parents/preschooldevelopmentandlearning/index.htm>.

You can find out about:

- nurseries, playgroups and reception classes
- special educational needs
- helping your child to learn.

This includes Developing Maths and number skills for under fives.

Sure Start is the Government's programme to deliver the best start in life for every child by bringing together early education, childcare, health and family support. For more information visit

<http://www.surestart.gov.uk/>.

BBC Numbertime also has a section on how to develop your child's maths skills before s/he starts school.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/parents/home_activities/everyday_maths.shtml.

Specials

You can help your child have fun with maths at home by:

- looking for numbers, shapes and measures when you read books together with your child
- playing board or card games
- talking about numbers as they occur in your child's everyday life e.g. counting stairs
- singing songs or rhymes with a number theme.



For more suggestions go to:

Have Sum Fun (Learning and Teaching Scotland):

http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/numeracy/imagines/have%20sum%20fun_tcm4-408745.pdf.

BBC Schools – How can I help my pre-school child with maths:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/work/primary/numeracy_and_science/maths_at_home_preschool.shtml.

Set menu

- 1 Pre-school fees are £8.50 per session. Your child attends 2 sessions per week. How much will it cost for 2 weeks of pre-school?
 - a) £17.00
 - b) £25.50
 - c) £34.00
 - d) £31.75
- 2 A toy shop is having a sale of board games. In the sale they marked '1/3 off'. What fraction of the original price do you pay?
 - a) 1/3
 - b) 2/3
 - c) 3/6
 - d) 4/9
- 3 Last month your child was 1.09m tall. She has grown 5cm. Her new height is:
 - a) 1.14m
 - b) 1.59m
 - c) 1.59cm
 - d) 60.9cm

Log on to the Move On Learner Route at www.move-on.org.uk to try some more questions, do the Move On mini-test or try an initial assessment to find out which level to start at.

Extras

Grin or groan?

My Rabbit is good at maths. Yesterday I asked him what 2 take away 2 was and he said nothing.

Q: If there are ten cats in a boat and one jumps out, how many are left?

A: None, they were all copycats!

Q: Why was the maths book unhappy?

A: It had too many problems!

Want more ideas on fun maths activities to use at home?

Have a look at: CBeebies Numberjacks
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/numberjacks/games/index.shtml>

Resources to support your learning are available to download from www.move-on.org.uk.

For more information on how you can support your child's learning go to:
