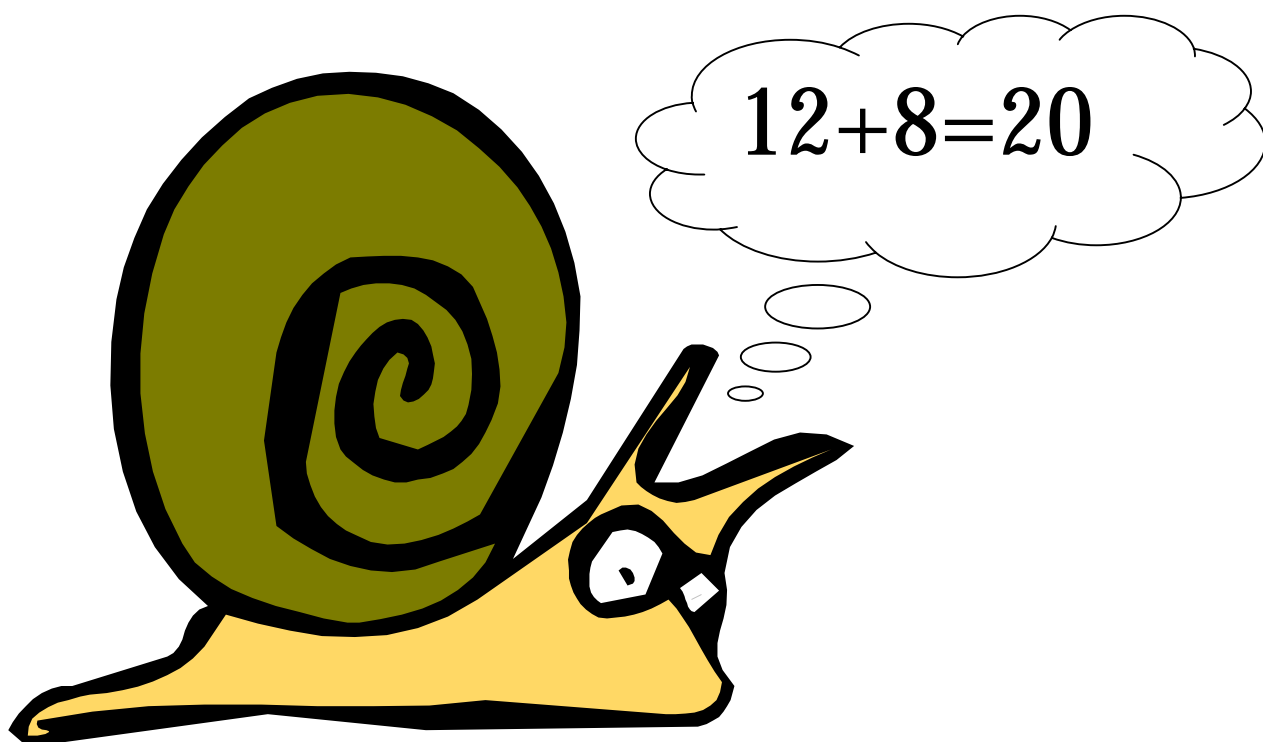


Maths at Home



Guidance for Parents

Year Two

Why do maths at home with your child?

- ◆ It provides an opportunity for your child to share and enjoy maths with you.
- ◆ It gives you a chance to play a part in helping your child become confident with maths.
- ◆ It provides a link between you, your child and the school.
- ◆ It gives your child the opportunity to practise maths skills with you.

Isn't it the school's job to teach maths?

- ◆ Yes. The school will teach the skills during maths lessons.
- ◆ We are not asking you to 'teach' but we would like to encourage you to help your child practise, develop and improve skills.
- ◆ An important way of developing understanding is to give your child time to talk about maths.

How can I help my child with maths at home?

- ◆ Accompanying this leaflet is the first in a series of half-termly Maths at Home pamphlets.
- ◆ Use the ideas to help you share maths at home. The pamphlet includes games, activities and ideas to help your child do mental arithmetic.
- ◆ Encourage your child to explain the work he/she has been doing at school. Explaining develops understanding.
- ◆ Encourage your child to do the specific maths homework activities set by the class teacher. These will be sent home twice a week.

Is there anything I could get to help my child?

- ◆ You will probably have most of the things you need already. Many activities just involve talking.
- ◆ Some traditional games have a lot to teach children. We suggest that the following might be useful during the next few years: Ludo, Monopoly, Snakes and Ladders, Dominoes, playing cards and two dice.

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Here are some DOs and DON'Ts to help make maths at home enjoyable, worthwhile and productive.

- ◆ Do try to make it fun!
- ◆ Do talk about maths.
- ◆ Do find time to do the activities during your daily routine e.g. walking to school.
- ◆ Do repeat the activities.
- ◆ Do remember that what may seem obvious to you may not be obvious to your child.

- ◆ Don't spend too much time on an activity. Little and often is best.
- ◆ Don't let the activities become a chore.
- ◆ Don't worry if your child is puzzled at first. Try a different activity instead.
- ◆ Don't forget to give your child plenty of praise!
- ◆ Don't teach your child to write down sums. You may confuse him/her.

Topics covered in Maths at Home during Year Two

- ◆ Counting in tens to 100
- ◆ 10x, 5x, 2x tables.
- ◆ Mental addition and subtraction to 20
- ◆ Shape
- ◆ Money
- ◆ Time
- ◆ Length
- ◆ Capacity
- ◆ Weight