

Hunnyhill Ormiston Academy Helping Your Child with Maths at Home  Why Maths at Home Matters  Children learn maths best when they see it as part of everyday life. You do not need to be a maths expert to help your child. Simple conversations, games and practical activities can build confidence and strengthen their understanding. The most important thing is to encourage a positive attitude to maths. Praise effort, perseverance and problem-solving, rather than just getting the correct answer. Useful Resources at Home You can support learning with everyday items such as: - Coins and notes - Dice - Playing cards - Measuring jugs - Kitchen scales - Calendars - Clocks - Building blocks 	Make Maths Part of Everyday Life There are many opportunities to use maths during daily routines: Shopping  - Ask your child to compare prices. - Estimate the total cost of items in the trolley. - Count money and work out change. - Look for special offers and discuss which gives better value. Cooking  - Measure ingredients together. - Talk about halves, quarters and fractions. - Discuss time and weight. Travel  - Read bus timetables. - Estimate journey times. - Talk about distance, speed and direction. - Spot numbers on houses, buses and road signs. Around the Home  - Count objects while tidying up. - Sort items by size, shape or colour. - Read clocks and discuss daily schedules.	Play Maths Games  Children learn well through play. Try: - Card games that involve adding or comparing numbers. - Board games with dice. - Dominoes. - Sudoku and number puzzles. - Times table games. - Online maths games recommended by your child's school.  Games help children develop confidence, fluency and problem-solving skills without feeling like formal work. Encourage Mathematical Talk Talking about maths helps children organise their thinking. Ask questions such as: "How did you work that out?" "Can you find another way?" "What do you notice?" Listening to your child's explanation is often more valuable than simply checking whether the answer is correct. Support, Don't Take Over When your child finds maths difficult: 
- Any object to count (cars, sticks, rocks) - Paper and pencils Many free educational websites and apps also provide engaging maths activities for primary-aged children. Some examples are: Primary resources, homework help and online games - BBC Bitesize Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds - Topmarks Remember you can always speak to your child's teacher to ask what they need to focus on in maths and how best to support them.	Practise Key Number Skills Strong number skills are the foundation of success in maths. Encourage your child to: - Count forwards and backwards. - Recognise number patterns. - Recall number bonds (e.g. numbers that make 10 or 20). - Learn multiplication tables. - Estimate answers before calculating. - Explain how they worked something out. Regular short sessions of 5-10 minutes are often more effective than longer periods of practice.	Do: ✓ Give them time to think. ✓ Encourage them to try different methods. ✓ Use practical resources such as counters, coins or drawings. ✓ Celebrate effort and progress. Don't: ✗ Rush to provide the answer. ✗ Say you were "never good at maths". ✗ Focus only on mistakes. ✗ Let frustration end the learning. Mistakes are an important part of learning and help children develop resilience.

