

Maths News – March 2019



Welcome to Saltaire Primary School's maths update. We know it can sometimes be difficult to know how to support your child's maths and we hope to provide a few ways in which you can help at home and in everyday life.

At Saltaire Primary, we teach for mastery. This means that we believe everyone can do maths. Children work together to achieve a deep understanding of mathematical concepts, building, drawing, writing and talking to show their thinking. More information is available in our 'Teaching Mathematics for Mastery' document on the school website.
Mr Evans

Top Tips to engage your child with maths:

Maths is everywhere! Involve your child in everyday activities, such as:

- Use the clock and calendar – how long until bedtime? Until your holiday?
- Shopping in the supermarket – which offer is best? Measures on packaging – which is healthiest?



More specific activities will be available at your next Parent Consultation, appropriate to your child's year group.

Start with a positive mindset. How many times have you heard people say, "I don't do maths" or "I was rubbish at maths in school"? And yet, we know that children pick up on negativity and they need to believe that they can do maths – everyone can! We wouldn't say "I can't read" for example, so why say we can't do maths? How we feel about the subject often depends on our experiences. So remember to use positive language and that mistakes are good – they help us learn. If your child is struggling, boost their resilience by using the power of 'yet'. "You can't do it yet, but let's try a different way."

Number Blocks - Reception and KS1



There are lots of CBeebies Numberblocks videos available on BBC iPlayer or YouTube to watch with your child. Encourage them to count and compare objects around the house linked to the videos and look for numbers in books, on clocks – anywhere you can think of.

Fancy a challenge?

You can find a wealth of great mathematical challenges, puzzles and problems at:

www.nrich.org

Times Tables Rock Stars - Y3-6



Being fluent and fast with the recall of times tables facts helps in lots of other areas of maths. The more confident children are, the less they become overloaded when working out more sophisticated problems. All KS2 children have a log-in for TT Rock Stars and we would recommend frequent practice. By the end of Year 4, most children are expected to know all of their times tables and the government are introducing a Times Table Check from next year.

For children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, CGP revision books can also be ordered from the school office – just ask for an order form.