

Tips for helping with maths homework

- If you don't know something, that's ok! Try and work out the problem together.
- When your child gets stuck, ask them to explain what they've done so far and what they're finding hard. Try to help them to work out where it is that they've gone wrong.
- With older children, show an interest but let them be more independent and figure out problems for themselves as much as they can.
- If they're doing well, praise your child for the effort they've put in. Say "well done, you've worked so hard" rather than calling them clever. This helps children learn that their abilities can always develop as long as they work at it.
- Rephrase questions if needed, using things that your child is interested in.
- With younger children, you could even set yourself some adult 'homework' to do at the same time – things like checking your phone bill or writing out a shopping list show them that you're using the same skills they're learning!
- If the homework is too hard, speak to their teacher.

Questions to ask while working together

- What do we need to do?
- What information do we have? What do we need to find out?
- How does this connect to other topics you're learning at school?
- What could we use this for in real life?
- If we were doing this again, is there anything we could do differently?