



## IDEAS FOR MAKING MATHS FUN!

### NUMBER FACTS

- ⌚ Try to practise number facts with your child for a few minutes on a daily basis using a range of vocabulary (e.g. addition facts to 10, times tables, doubles).
- ⌚ Have a 'fact of the day'. Pin this fact up around the house. Practise reading it in a quiet, loud, squeaky voice. Ask your child over the day if they can recall the fact.
- ⌚ Play 'ping pong' to practise number facts with your child. You say a number. They reply with how much more is needed to make 10. You can also play this game with numbers totalling up to 20, 100 or 1000 more or times tables facts. Encourage your child to answer quickly, without counting or using fingers.
- ⌚ Throw 2 dice. Ask your child to find the total of the numbers (+), the difference between them (-) or the product (x). Can they do this without counting?
- ⌚ Use a set of playing cards (no picture cards). Turn over two and ask your child to add or multiply the numbers. If they answer correctly, they keep the cards. How many cards can they collect in 2 minutes?
- ⌚ Play Bingo. Each player chooses five answers (e.g. numbers to 10 to practise simple addition, multiples of 5 to practise the five times tables). Ask a question and if a player has the answer, they can cross it off. The winner is the first player to cross off all their answers.
- ⌚ Give your child an answer. Ask them to write as many addition sentences as they can with this answer (e.g.  $10 = 1 + 9$ ,  $56 = 7 \times 8$ ,  $84 = 86 - 2$ ). Try with multiplication or subtraction.
- ⌚ Give your child a number fact (e.g.  $5+3=8$ ). Ask them what else they can find out from this fact (e.g.  $3+5=8$ ,  $8-5=3$ ,  $8-3=5$ ,  $50+30=80$ ,  $500+300=800$ ,  $5+4=9$ ,  $15+3=18$ ). Add to the list over the next few days. Try starting with multiplication facts too.
- ⌚ Make cards with times tables questions and corresponding answer cards. Play 'pelmanism' or 'fish' where you pick up a card from the answer pile and try to match the answer with the corresponding multiplication facts.
- ⌚ You can buy ready made times tables resources e.g. 'Time tables snap cards' by BrainBox and CDs with Musical times tables to listen to and sing along to.



**Make Maths fun!**  
**Give your child lots praise and encouragement!**

