

## Great maths books

How Big is a Million? Anna Milbourne

Comparing amounts to a million.

One Is a Snail Ten Is a Crab April Pulley Sayre-

Counting by feet to 100.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar Eric Carle

Counting, Days, Ordering

One mole digging a hole Nick Sharratt

Counting

## Great maths games

Dominoes

Orchard toys games—Shopping, List, Jack and Jill, Bus Stop, Insey winsey spider, Tell the time, plus many more

Jigsaws

Pick up sticks

Uno

Monopoly (Junior versions too!)

Any games involving a dice



## Apps

Unblock me

Bee bot

Mathdoku+

Numberlink

Memory games—just search for this as there are lots of them.

## Websites for parents

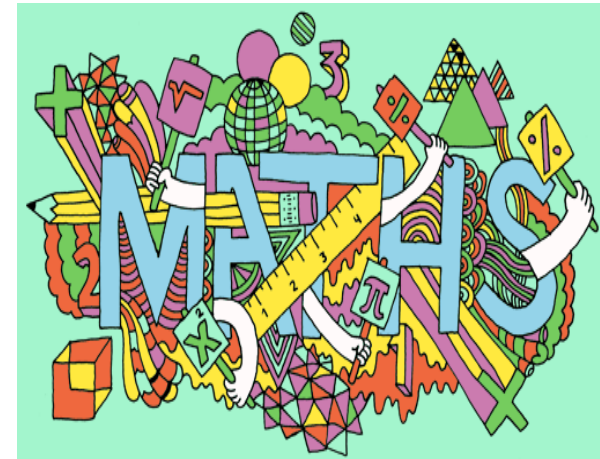
•[www.theschoolrun.com](http://www.theschoolrun.com)

•[www.Mad4maths.com](http://www.Mad4maths.com)

•[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

•[www.nparenttoolkit.org.uk](http://www.nparenttoolkit.org.uk)

•[www.maths4mumsanddads.co.uk](http://www.maths4mumsanddads.co.uk)



# SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH MATHS

*"The only way to learn  
mathematics is to do  
mathematics"*

*Paul Halmos*

I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.

- Thomas Edison

## Helping your child

It is important to try and make maths as fun as possible—games, jigsaws and puzzles are perfect. As well as essential number skills they will also be learning **turn taking, problem solving, perseverance and understanding winning and losing!** Talk with your child about problems and puzzles and discuss ways to solve them.

Try to remain as **positive** as you can about maths even if you have had negative experiences in the past. Adopt a **'can do'** positive attitude. When children are positive and keen to learn they will feel more able to take a risk, solve a problem and **succeed**. Everyone can do well in maths.

Finally, remember it is not always about getting the 'right' answer. It is okay to make mistakes and that is how we learn. Wouldn't life be boring if we could do everything the first time?!

## 10 ideas for home

1. Sing songs
2. Read stories
3. Do some baking
4. Count up loose change.
5. Talk about time
6. Play games and Lego
7. Shopping
8. DIY!
9. Making and counting collections
10. Pairing socks



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*“Think! Think and wonder. Wonder and think. How much water can 55 elephants drink?”*



*Dr. Seuss*

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## Top Tips for helping your child

• **Be positive about maths!**

Never say things like 'I can't do maths' or 'I hated maths at school'... your child might start to think like that themselves.

• **Point out the maths in everyday life.**

Include your child in activities involving maths such as using money, cooking and travelling.

• **Praise your child for effort rather than talent**

This shows them that by working hard they can always improve.