

Numeracy



What is numeracy?

The ability to understand and work with numbers.

Numeracy means having the confidence and skill to use numbers and mathematical approaches in all aspects of life. It is a vital skill. It is about being confident when solving problems, making decisions and analysing situations that involve numbers.

It is the everyday maths skills that you need for work and for life

General Hints

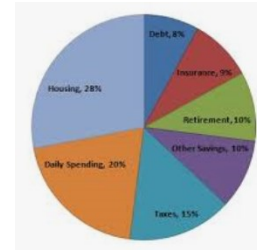
- ♦ Find opportunities to encourage your child to do mental maths everyday to improve numeracy skills.
- ♦ Encourage your child to do maths puzzles e.g. Sudoku
- ♦ DO NOT tell your child of your dislike or negative attitude towards mathematics.
- ♦ Try and build 'number sense' - ask questions like 'does that answer make sense?'
- ♦ Always try and encourage—instead of telling them they are wrong when answering a maths problem—ask them 'can they find another method for the solution'.

How can you support at home?

DATA:

Look at graphs and charts in the;
News, Internet, Media.

Discuss what they show. What are they trying to tell us?



MEASURE:

Get involved in
baking, measure out
ingredients.

Follow a recipe.



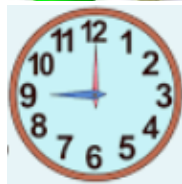
Work out the
total cost of the
recipe or per
individual item.

TIME:

Plan a journey
using a timetable.

Have an analogue clock at
home and tell the time
without a digital clock.

Discuss time differences
when going abroad and work
out journey times.



MONEY:

At the supermarket
work out the total bill.

Research best deals when
buying a new mobile phone or
games console.

Work out the cost of days out,
trips to the cinema—look at
special offers—how much
cheaper does it make it?

