

# Parent Guide to Supporting Mathematics at Home

The above concrete resources are used regularly in class. This can be supported at home by using objects around the house to help children visualise abstract ideas.

## Props Around the House

A prominent clock (digital or analogue) provides a great prompt to talk about the time throughout the day.



A traditional wall calendar helps with counting days and spotting number patterns.



Board games that involve dice or spinners help with counting and the idea of chance.



A pack of playing cards can be used and adapted to play games around adding and subtracting, chance and number bonds.



A basic calculator can be useful to help with maths homework and great for playing calculator games too!



Measuring jugs are used at school but are valuable tools for learning at home too. Great for work around capacity as well as converting metric to imperial.



Dried beans, pasta buttons or beads for counting or estimating.



A tape measure or ruler for taking practical measurements around the house.



A large bar of chocolate or pizza for dividing and learning linked to fractions.



Indoor/outdoor thermometer is especially useful in the winter time to teach negative numbers when the temperature drops below freezing.



Unusual dice make games a little more interesting and enable the exploration of slighter larger numbers. Hexagonal or coloured dice make talking about chance a little more exciting.



A dartboard with Velcro darts can help with doubling, adding and subtracting.

