



Year One and Two -Top  
Maths Tips for Parents



Children need to be very confident at understanding the relationships and patterns for numbers between zero and twenty.

Your child should be able to count on or back from any given number in ones, twos and tens.

It is important to write the digits in the correct order for any two digit number (let them see that 51 is not the same as 15)

Counting on from the two digit number which ends in nine to the next tens number (e.g. 39 - 40) can be quite a challenge. Children need lots of practice with counting on and counting back.

Remember that addition can be done in any order and it is easier to put the larger number first and then count on.

Encourage your child to use a range of strategies; for example recalling known number bonds or double facts.

Look for patterns in number and talk with your child about how they have done a calculation.

Using coins and understanding their relative values can be tricky - try to give your child experience of shopping for small items.

Teach your child their times tables, starting with two, ten and five times tables.

Most importantly make maths fun; look out for numbers around you, play board games, try doubling a number and repeatedly doing this and see what is the biggest number you can make.

**Useful books-**

**Maths for Mums and Dads by Rob Eastaway and  
Mike Askew**

**The Usbourne Junior Maths Dictionary**