



It is important to keep maths skills sharp and the best way to achieve this is through playing games and having fun! Here are some ideas:

- 1) Car numbers. Read the number on the registration plate. What is the highest and lowest number you can find? Add the numbers. Choose a target number and see if you can find a car whose digits add up to that target number e.g. R 925 XJN is  $9 + 2 + 5 = 16$ , or, take two of the numbers to multiply together e.g.  $9 \times 5 = 45$ , or,  $9 \times 2 = 18$ .
- 2) Playing cards. Choose 2 and add them together. Find the pairs that make 10. Try adding three of the cards and then four! Find all the doubles e.g. 5 and 5 and add them. Try to find all the doubles in the pack.
- 3) Tens. Count in tens to 100. Time yourself and try to beat your time. Then count backwards in tens. Are you quicker or slower? See if you can count in tens from any number between 1 and 99 e.g. 46, 56, 66, 76 or 89, 99, 109, 119. How fast can you go?
- 4) Body parts. Count how many legs there are in your family. Then you could count fingers, toes, ears and eyes. Measure yourself! Start with how tall you are and how much you weigh, but then try to find out some more interesting facts such as how long a finger nail is; how wide your mouth is! You could draw a picture of yourself and write on the measurements.
- 5) Keeping fit! Count how many hops, skips and jumps you can do. How many times can you bounce a ball? Keep a count of goals or runs scored in games you play.

Practise the times tables. By the end of Year 3, all children are expected to know their 2,3,4,5,6 and 8 times tables.

Suggested websites:

[www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)

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