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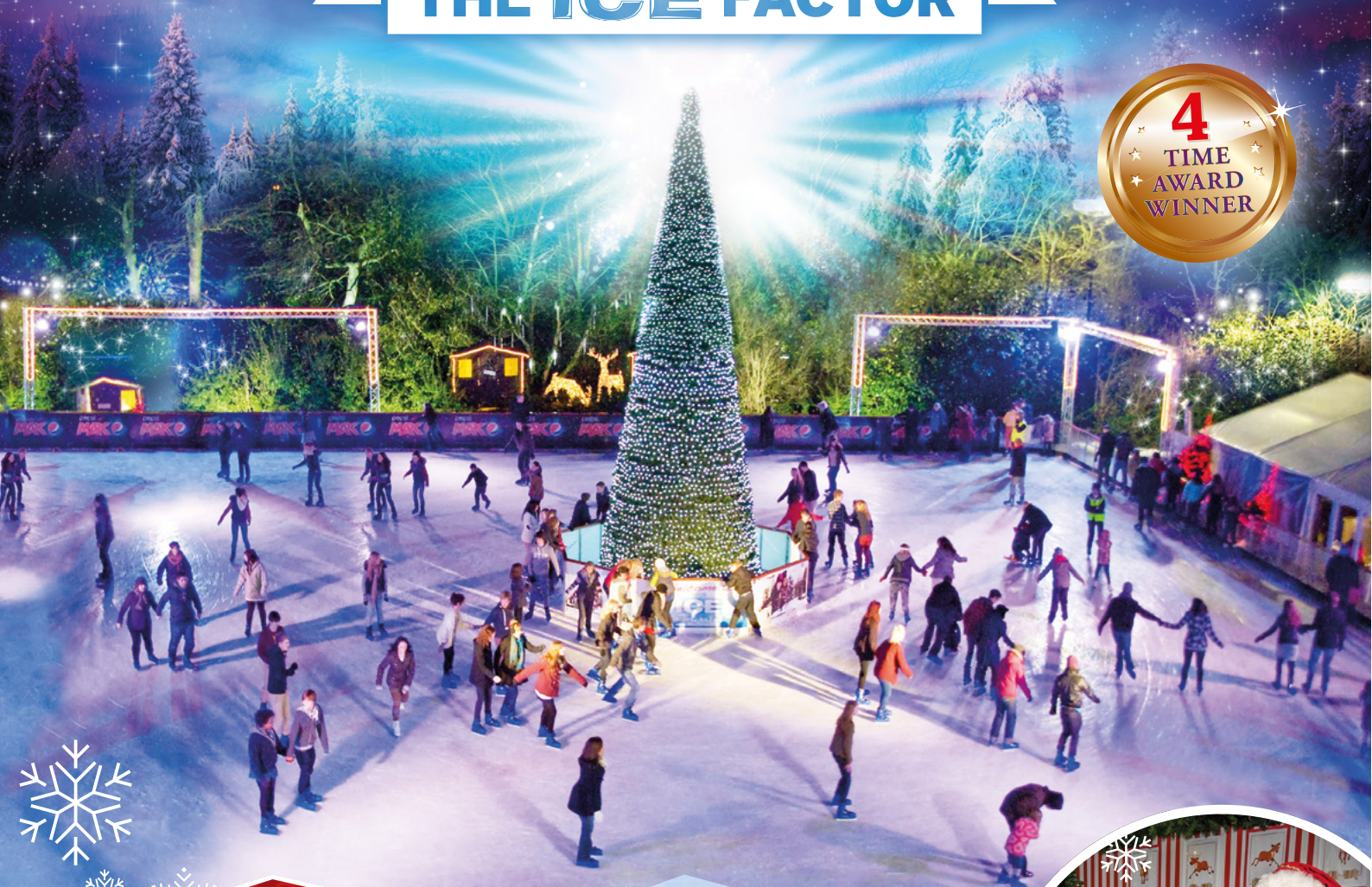
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You'll also find lots more Christmas essentials inside, including fabulous festive experiences, best family Christmas movies, DIY Christmas cards and teacher gift ideas and lots more.

In our Education feature, discover more about multiple intelligences and find out the connection between growing sunflowers and maths skills.

You also have the opportunity to be the lucky recipient of one of **more than 140 Christmas gifts for kids** in this issue - make sure you apply inside and you'll also ensure you receive this digital magazine to your inbox every two months.

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Competition winners from our July/
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Congratulations to all our winners. You can find a list [HERE](#)

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Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar

Help your family spread goodwill this Christmas by undertaking a kind act every day of Advent.

Find inspiration in our list of kindnesses or make up your own.

Don't forget to mark the kind things you do on the calendar!



An act of kindness for every day of Advent

Perform an act of kindness each day until Christmas! Pin up the calendar and keep a daily record of your family's good deeds.

DECEMBER					
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24



An act of kindness for every day of Advent

Choose from the list below or make up your own.

- ✎ Write your teacher a note or a poem about why you like them.
- ✎ Help a friend who's stuck with their classwork.
- ✎ Clear up a mess you didn't make.
- ✎ Take a pot plant to school for your classroom windowsill.
- ✎ Clear the table after dinner without being asked.
- ✎ Draw your mum or dad a picture, just because you love them.
- ✎ Give a packet of sunflower seeds to a friend, so they can watch them grow.
- ✎ Feed your pet or clean out their cage without having to be asked.
- ✎ Use beads, loom bands or other craft materials to make a bracelet for a friend.
- ★ If you've done something naughty, write a note to your mum or dad to say sorry.
- ★ Make a poster for your local park to remind people to pick up their dog poo.
- ★ Leave your pound coin in the locker at the swimming pool for the next person who uses it.
- ★ Sign up to Post Pals and write a letter to a child who's ill in hospital.
- ★ Paint rocks with pretty pictures or positive sayings and hide them in your neighbourhood for others to find.
- ★ Put decorations on a tree in your local park to make people smile (remember to take them down again!)
- ✎ Empty the rubbish out of your lunchbox after school and rinse/wash it.
- ✎ Pour the rest of your family a drink at mealtimes.
- ✎ Compliment staff at a café or shop.
- ✎ Pick up litter in your street or local park.
- ✎ Wish a stranger a nice day.
- ✎ Bake some cookies for people living in your street.
- ✎ At school, offer to play with someone who's all on their own.
- ✎ Sort out your old toys and books and donate them to a charity shop or a local playgroup.
- ✎ Hug someone.

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Santa Underground

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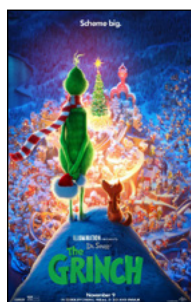
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Top family films for Christmas



The Polar Express (2004)

A young boy learns about friendship, bravery and the spirit of Christmas.



The Grinch (2018)

A grumpy Grinch plots to ruin Christmas for the village of Whoville.



Little Women (2019)

The beloved story of the March sisters.



Home Alone 2 (1992)

Kevin is left stranded in New York City.



The Christmas Chronicles (2018)

Kate and Teddy go on a journey to catch Santa on camera.



Arthur Christmas (2011)

Santa's clumsy son attempts to deliver a misplaced present.



Jingle Jangle: A Christmas Journey (2020)

An imaginary world comes to life for a toymaker and his granddaughter.



A Boy Called Christmas (2021)

Origin story of Father Christmas, an ordinary boy sets out to find his father.



The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, attempts to bring Christmas to his home.

DIY Christmas cards to create with the kids



String art Christmas card



Christmas tree card



Paper strip Christmas trees



Free printable penguin Christmas cards (8)



Tinsel tree card



Pom-pom Christmas wreath card



Snow surprise Christmas card



Reindeer card



Christmas cracker card

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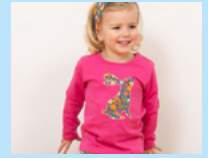
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Glazed & Confused Ceramics

Glazed and Confused Ceramics is a kitsch little pottery and art studio located in the heart of Tadcaster! It is a family run and female owned studio. Here you can come and relax, be yourself and learn some new skills such as wheel throwing, pottery painting, slab rolling, crafting and more! Find out more glazedandconfusedceramicandartstudio.co.uk



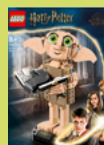
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Treasures of Wetherby

Christmas is almost here, the shelves are packed with fantastic toys and games as well as a fabulous Lego range, beautiful crafts from Djeco and the new Sylvanian Penguins are very cute. With a game selection better than ever before, so if you want a game to get everyone laughing. Find out more treasuretoys.co.uk



Little Bird Artisan Markets

Harewood House Christmas Market

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Easingwold

Sat Nov 11th - 9am - 2pm
Sat Dec 9th - 9am - 2pm

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Top UK Christmas experiences for families

Thursford Christmas Spectacular, Norfolk



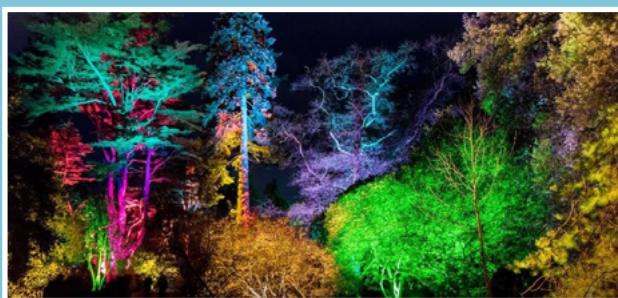
An extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety. With a cast of one hundred and thirty, this fast moving celebration is billed as the biggest Christmas show of its kind in Europe. Also home to Santa's Magical Journey and Enchanted Journey of Light.

Yorkshire's Winter Wonderland, York



A magical winter experience for all ages, with an outdoor ice rink, vintage funfair, Santa's Grotto and alpine café. Surrounded by illuminated trees, log cabins, rink side cafe and viewing platform, this magical setting is a perfect festive experience. **FREE** to enter, with separate tickets for skating and Santa's Grotto.

Enchanted Christmas, Gloucestershire



A mile-long illuminated trail set within Westonbirt National Arboretum's captivating landscape, with stunningly lit trees, sculptures, mesmerising installations and woodland characters. Kids might also like tracking down the Gruffalo statues in the Old Arboretum. Food and drinks stalls and fairground rides at either end.

Edinburgh Winter Festival



Across the city, expect to find fairground rides aimed at all age groups, elves' workshops, Santa's Grotto, an ice rink and a myriad of food and craft markets. The famous castle is also given the festive treatment via a spectacular light installation. Be sure not to miss taking a picture of the majestic Christmas tree on the Mound.

Top UK Christmas experiences for families

Chester Zoo Lanterns & Light



This after hours annual Christmas event transforms Chester Zoo into an enchanted kingdom, with extraordinary, life-sized animal sculptures and costumed performers drawing visitors along an illuminated trail. Father Christmas will make an appearance on his sleigh with reindeer sculptures.

Birmingham Frankfurt Christmas Market



This impressive market features decorated stalls selling crafts, toys and more and there is traditional German food and drink, including gingerbread hearts and glühwein. The stalls are looked over by an impressive Christmas tree. There's also a fairground, big wheel and ice-rink.

Hogwarts in the Snow, Watford, London



The Christmas season brings a truly magical makeover to all the film sets on display. Christmas trees line the Great Hall and a replica festive feast, including flaming Christmas puddings, is laid out on the long tables, while icy silvers glitter on the stage as it is transformed for the return of the Yule Ball.

Christmas at Chatsworth



24 themed rooms of Christmas wonder in the Peak District! Travel under archways adorned with candy canes, Christmas stockings and mistletoe; through snowflake showers and a glittering Christmas tree brooch forest. Explore Father Christmas' workshop, with mischief-making elves and a giant exploding Christmas cracker.

Family adventures are better by bus

Children under 16 travel for free on York's buses when accompanied by an adult!*
(September - January)



Choose to go car-free and travel on York's buses. Skip the stress of driving and spend more time exploring York with your kids.

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Families Christmas toy guide

We asked **The Good Play Guide** for their top picks. These accredited products have been independently tested by play experts and children.



ELC Soft Sensory Balls Baby

Delightful sensory toy that will be a favourite as your baby grows. £15.



Feely Farm Puzzle Pre-school

Stimulate your pre-schoolers' senses with these first wooden puzzles. £15.99.



Sounds of the Forest Pre-school

A book and hooting owl whistle make story-time interactive & fun. £12.99.



Penguin Math Balance Pre-school

Fun way to learn about weight, size, addition and subtraction. £19.99.



Dragomino Ages 5+

Practise strategic thinking to find the precious Dragon Eggs. £20.99.



Crazy Aaron's Thinking Putty Ages 3+

A fantastic sensory, stress-relieving product for all ages. £12.99.



Plus-Plus Ages 5+

Use small interconnecting puzzle pieces to create 2D and 3D forms. £16.85



Discover Ages 5+

All the tools you need to make anything from cardboard. £44.99.



Squirrels Go Nuts Ages 6+

Multi-level sliding puzzle game – slide the squirrels and hide the nuts. £14.99.

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IQ Puzzler Pro

Ages 6+

100+ 2D and 3D puzzles to challenge logical thinking skills. £10.99.



Rory's Story Cubes

Ages 6+

9 cubes, 54 images, over 10 million possible combos, unlimited stories. £9.99.



Brainbolt Genius

Ages 7+

Boost your child's brain with this handheld, light-up, memory game. £28.00.



National Geographic Mega Magic Set

Ages 8+

Amazing STEAM magic set. £39.99.



National Geographic Mega Crystal Growing Lab

Ages 5+

STEAM crystal growing lab. £34.99.



Harry Potter Hogwarts 3D Puzzle, 540pc

Ages 10+

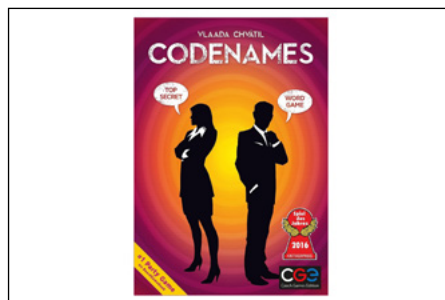
Immerse yourself in this World of Wizardry puzzle. £74.99.



GraviTrax Starter Set XXL

Ages 8+

Construct fantastic marble tracks. £110.



Codenames Game

Ages 10+

Become a codebreaker in this competitive, word association game. £19.99.



Rubik's Coach Cube

Ages 8+

Learn how to solve a Rubik's Cube using this method. £14.99.

Families Christmas toy guide

Don't forget to apply for giveaways of all of the toys on this page throughout the magazine!



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Miraculous Magic Heroez Dolls

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Tonka Tough Tool Belt & Hat Set

Ages 3+

Imagine, build & play! Fun set includes variety of toy tools. £19.99.



Ultimate Hero Electronic Fireman Sam

Ages 3+

12" fully articulated action figure. £29.99.



Katamino

Ages 3+

Award-winning 2D and 3D logic puzzles – 500+ to solve. £20-£35.



Paint Pop Spin & Create Paint Set

Ages 3+

Make the paper spin, create your art and add glitter! £10.50.

Lovely Christmas leftover recipes



Macaroni cheese

Combine your Christmas leftovers with a creamy macaroni cheese bake.



Christmas crumble

Put leftover Christmas pudding to good use with this comforting, festive crumble.



Turkey curry

Quick and easy turkey curry is a satisfying way to use up leftover turkey.



Boxing Day quesadillas

A fantastic twist on the traditional Boxing Day turkey sandwich.



Christmas quiche

Easy quiche which makes a delightful addition to your Boxing day buffet.



Christmas cake trifle

A great way to use up leftover Christmas cake or pudding.



Potato and stuffing hash

Leftover crispy roast potatoes and stuffing make a quick and easy hash.



Turkey pasta bake

Creamy cheesy pasta bake with leftover turkey.



Turkey bubble & squeak

Easy recipe uses leftover Christmas meat and veg.

News

Learning Opportunities Beyond the Curriculum

"It's so important to offer learning opportunities and experiences that go beyond the standard curriculum so that students have an opportunity to thrive wherever their passions lie." says Head of Chapter House, Karen Kilkenny. For example, all our students in Years 1-5 study Spanish and Mandarin under the tutelage of native speakers and have weekly swimming lessons in the on-site 25m swimming pool.



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Welcome to Ashville College

Ashville College is a leading co-educational Independent day and Boarding School for pupils aged 2-18, that occupies 70 pristine acres in Harrogate. Whilst steeped in tradition, with buildings dating back to 1860, the campus boasts modern facilities for all pupils that include a £2m auditorium that seats up to 600 people; a £3.8m sports centre that is home to a 30-metre swimming pool



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Trial for £1 or free bus fares for young people

Bus fares for children and young people are being reduced in York, in a four-month trial to support families and encourage them to choose sustainable transport.

Until January 2024, up to 3 children accompanied by a fare-paying adult will travel for free, and anyone aged from 5 to 16 will pay no more than £1 for a single fare when travelling unaccompanied by an adult on any bus journey which starts and ends within the City of York boundary.

These fare reductions are being delivered using money from the city's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), which is funded by government and delivering projects such as fare subsidies and infrastructure improvements. The BSIP will run up to the end of March 2025 and aims to leave a lasting legacy of high-quality bus services.

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Holidays for Separated families

By Kate Robinson

When schools break up for half terms and holidays, it's always difficult for parents to juggle spending time with the children, work and holidays. This can be even more complicated in families where the parents no longer live together.

We have put together some simple tips which in our experience, can help to minimise last minute holiday stresses for parents.

As soon as the school term dates are released, try to share the holiday dates with your ex and make a list of dates where childcare help is needed, so this can be shared with your ex and extended family. If you can, try to share holidays and make sure that you both get chance for quality time with your children. If your separation is still quite new, try to take comfort in knowing that you will probably feel a wide range of emotions from fear, worry, anxiety, relief and guilt when your children are with the other parent. Remember, raising children can be hard and it's ok to need a break sometimes!

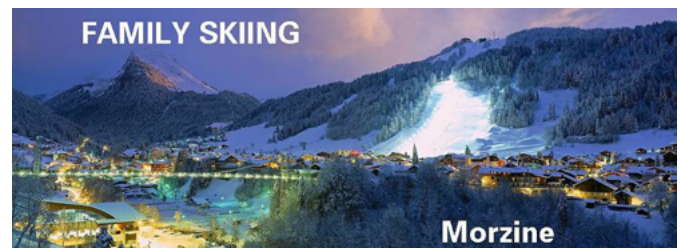
If you are going abroad (anywhere outside the UK), remember to:-

- obtain written consent from the other parent well in advance. You will need consent if both parents have Parental Responsibility and are either on the birth certificate of your child, or you were married to your ex at the time your child was born; and



- take these important documents with you when you travel (as well as the passports!!)
- Written consent to the trip from your ex-partner – ideally with a copy of their passport if that's possible.
- Contact details of the other parent

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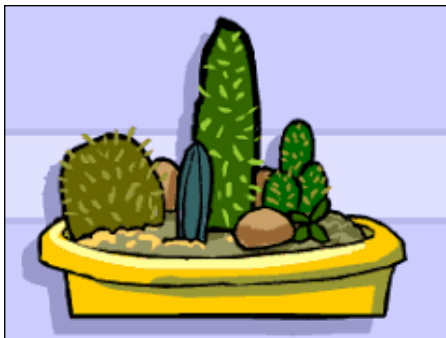
Crayon vase



Apple pie cookie kit



Hedgehog bread rolls



Indoor prickly cactus garden



Colourful macarons



DIY pencil holder



Homemade doughnuts and coffee



Succulent mini pot

How to deal with cyber-bullying

Today's children are so immersed in the digital world that over half of them accept cyber-bullying as part of life, according to a survey commissioned by the **Anti-Bullying Alliance**. Particularly invasive, cyber-bullying can be distressing because victims feel the bullies have access to them at all times.

Cyber-bullying is the use of electronic communication, be it phone, tablet or computer, to send messages of an intimidating or threatening nature. And it is not a trivial matter as some children can be subjected to prolonged online bullying campaigns that they feel they can't escape.

Victims of cyberbullying can find it hard to open up to their parents, explains psychologist Dr. Linda Papadopoulos, an ambassador for **Internet Matters'** cyberbullying campaign: *'Sometimes children don't want to talk about what is happening to them online'* she says. *'They may feel helpless or worry their parents will take away their phones or ban them from using tech. But it's vital that parents learn how to engage with their children in a positive and reassuring way to open a dialogue channel which youngsters can feel reassured, not intimidated by.'*

So, what can you do if you suspect your child is being cyberbullied?

Look for the signs

If bullying is going on there will be changes in your child's normal



behaviour. These could include becoming secretive about what they are doing on the computer, keeping their mobile on silent, spending a lot of time in their bedroom, showing signs of anxiety, irritability and moodiness and being quieter than usual.

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Growing sunflowers and learning maths?

By Usha Patel

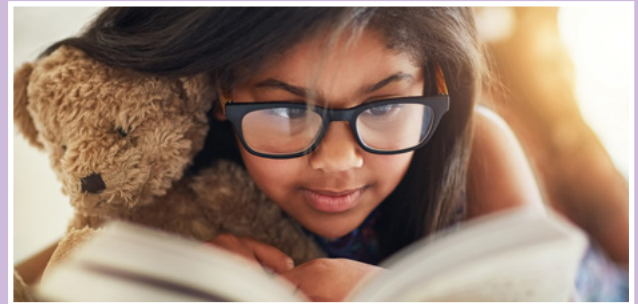


Parents often ask how to get their child interested in maths because 'they just don't get it.' Luckily, it's possible to give children lots of help at home by using maths language and supporting them to develop sequential thought processes and logical thinking.

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Reading and the Key Stage 2 curriculum

By Jemma Z Smith

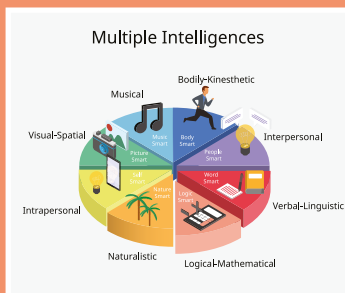


Reading is vital for enabling students to access the rest of the curriculum and deepening their understanding of the world. While phonics lays the initial groundwork in Key Stage 1, the emphasis in Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and beyond) expands to exploring characters.

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Understanding multiple intelligences

By Zuzu Jordan



According to the thesaurus, intelligence means 'smart,' 'clever' and 'bright.'

Traditionally pupils with regular high scores in academic or IQ tests are recognised as intelligent. Yet as a society we marvel at great artists, musicians and Olympians for their outstanding talent. How intelligence is measured is a debatable topic.

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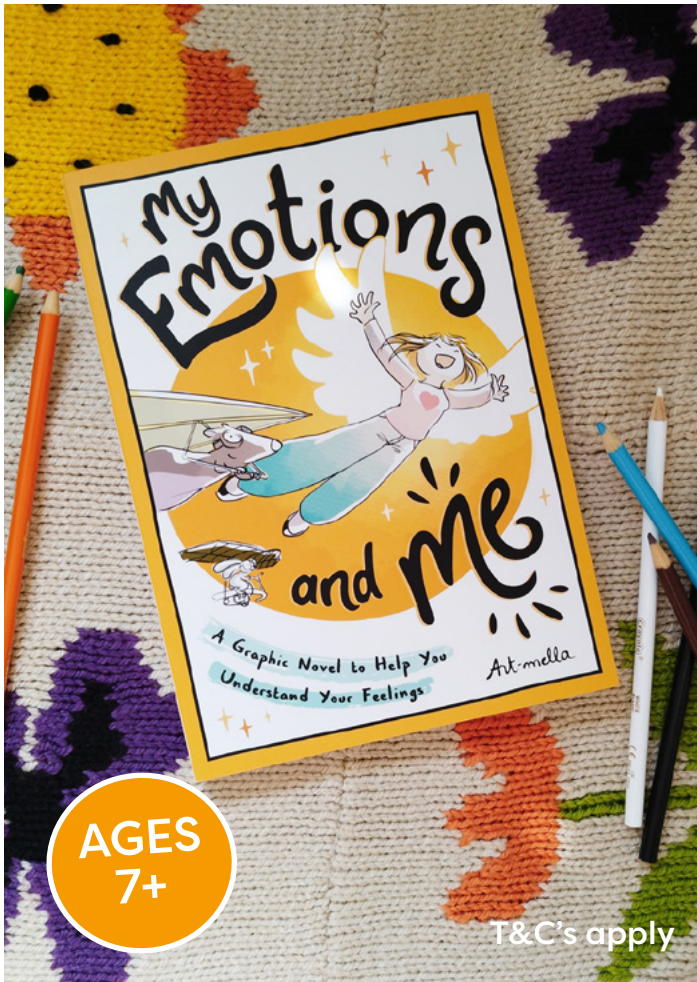
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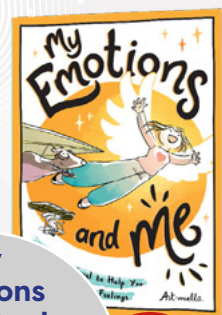
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Ages 3+



Ages 4+

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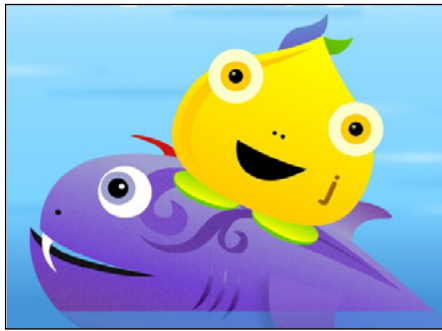
Apps for improving maths skills



Pet Bingo

Ages 2-7yrs

Entertaining app that takes kids on a maths adventure.



Squeebies

Ages 5-11yrs

Ideal for kids who love competition.



Marble Math

Ages 9-12yrs

Fun, engaging app that practises and reinforces key math objectives.



Monster Math

Ages 5-10 yrs

Stories help children practise and learn 40+ maths skills.



Doodle Tables

Ages 4-14 yrs

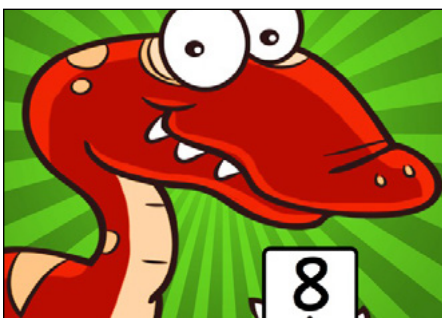
Boosts times tables' confidence with a personalised program.



Native Numbers

Ages 4-7 yrs

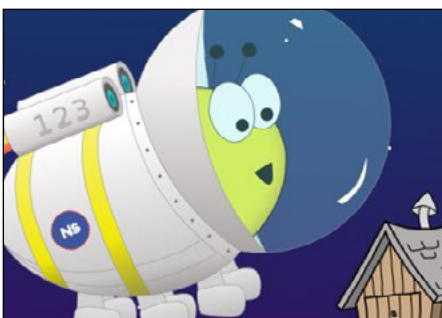
Develops maths skills built on a solid foundation.



Math Dots Puzzles - Dinosaurs

Ages 4+

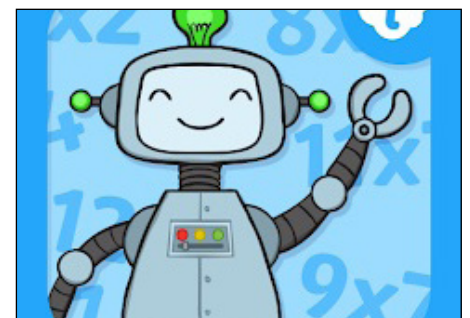
Play connect the dots while learning maths.



Maths Shed

Ages 4+

Fun and easy-to-use for practising maths skills.



Twinkl MTC Practice

Ages 4+

Expands times tables' knowledge. Prepares for multiplication tables check.

Games which improve concentration

DIY memory games

The coin game: arrange an assortment of coins in a sequence. Allow your child to look at them closely for 15 seconds, then cover. Ask them to duplicate the sequence. Repeat, timing them!

Storytelling: each player must remember and repeat an entire story, then add a new sentence.

DIY attention games

Backwards counting: give your child a random number and ask them to count backwards in 3s.

Spot-the-difference: helps develop focus and concentration.

Jigsaw & crossword puzzles: focusses attention on detail and patterns.

LEGO and building structures with blocks: encourages sustained concentration and creativity.

Board games

Chess & draughts: helps planning, concentration and anticipation.

Scrabble: focusses on spelling, strategising with available letters and maintaining attention.

Boggle: involves practising attention skills as well as vocabulary and spelling.

Sequence for Kids: enhances memory and strategic thinking.

Apps & online games

Readlax: Brain Games Ages 5+. IOS & Android. **FREE.**

MentalUP Ages 6+. Website. **FREE.**

CogniFit Ages 7+. IOS & Android. **FREE.**

Memory Match Ages 4+. IOS. **FREE.**

Kiko's Thinking Time Ages 4+. Ipad.

GON Memory Game All ages. Amazon. **FREE.**

Visual Memory Test



Fun ten level game where kids have to remember where a picture is. Ages 4+.

Simon Says



Simon Says is a great game for toddlers and pre-schoolers.



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