

Memory games - maths

We all know the importance of memory games.... Memory games are great to help you and others focus on attention to detail and improve concentration.

Here are some games you can play:

WHAT'S MISSING?

To play:

- Place a number of numbers on a tray (could be from a times table i.e. 5 X 5).
- Tell your child to have a close look at the numbers on the tray. Identify them together to reinforce.
- Cover the numbers with a tea towel. Ask your child to close their eyes and as they do so remove one number from under the cloth.
- Ask them to open their eyes, remove the cloth and tell you what's missing!

Or allow them to look at them for a full minute. Then cover them up and ask them to write the number/s.



DRAW A WORD ON MY BACK

Success in this game requires the child to transfer a physical sensation to a mental picture and retain a short series of mental pictures in their head to correctly identify the number, fraction, digital time, shape for example

To play:

- One player uses their finger to 'write' a number on the back of the second player. The second player tries to identify the number. Players switch positions and take turns being the 'writer' and guesser.

CARD RECALL

To play:

Played in pairs, five cards are placed in a series on the table. One player is given time to memorise the sequence. Then their partner takes the cards, shuffles them and places only four of the cards back on the table. The first player must identify which card is missing.

A FEW QUICK MEMORY GAMES & TOOLS

These quick memory games make fun challenges while you're waiting at the doctor's, a restaurant, walking to school or while travelling – adapt to ping pong method, my turn/your turn

- Recite timetables forwards and backwards
- Count backwards from a large number in multiples of...
- Rub your head and pat your tummy. Now switch – pat your head and rub your tummy and recite at the same time
- Spell number words aloud

Best Wishes, Sarah