

FAMILY HOMEWORK Games!

This family homework is all about different games—games you can play at home and have fun together as a family.

Board games, or simple games played with a pencil and paper, are great ways to learn lots of important skills—turn taking, counting, communication and strategy! Even more importantly, they are a fantastic way for families to have fun together.

So pack away the computer and video games and open up the box!



When we return to school your teacher will give you a chance to share what you have done with the class.

Remember to bring something in to show your class!

Make your own

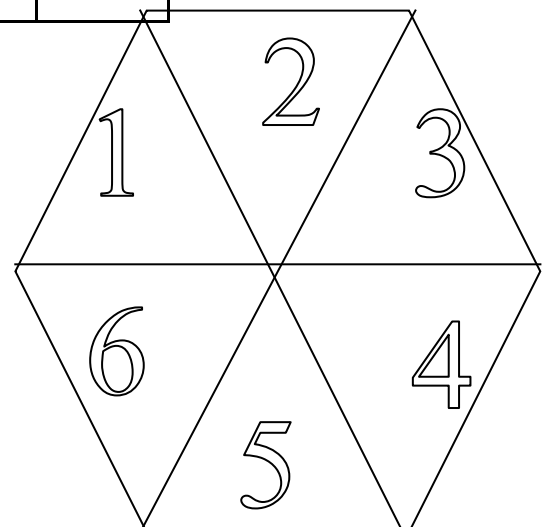
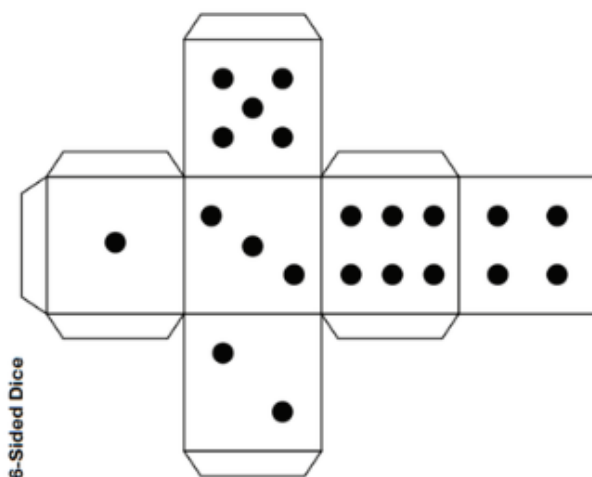
Invent your own board game, Write out the instructions and rules. Find or make counters (dried beans can be painted different colours). Make a box or decorate a shoebox to keep everything in.

You can use the blank grid below to make your own board game. It might be 'Snakes and Ladders' or a different 'track' game. If you don't have dice at home—use the spinner or make your own one using the template.



A winner from each year group will be selected to present their game in Friday assembly in September.

End	63	62	61	60	59	58	57
49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56
48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
Start	2	3	4	5	6	7	8



Games Evening with family and friends

Everyone brings a game. Challenge each other. Learn a new game or two. How many different games can you play in one evening? Remember to turn the TV and computer off!

Get competitive!

Choose a favourite board game or one suggested on the YouTube channel. Set up a tournament—either a knock-out competition or a Round Robin league. Keep a record of all the results. Design and make a certificate for the winner!

Simple games to play at home

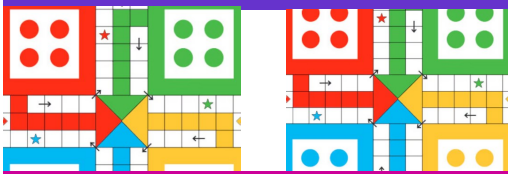
Look up some simple tutorials and have a go at playing:

Noughts and crosses,
Boxes,
Rock, paper scissors,
Cats cradle,
Kims game
Sevens



No board games?

- Hunt out some second hand bargains;
- Search round the local charity shops—often a good place to pick up unwanted games.
- Check in the local press for any Jumble Sales—usually held on a Saturday—happy hunting!



Board games on smart phones

Has anyone in your family got a smart phone? Have they got any board game apps?

Try; Monopoly, Connect 4, Reversi, Backgammon

Mancala

Mancala is a board game (picture below) played all over the world. It is also known as Kalah or Oware. Do some research and find out some more about it. Choose how to present what you have learnt, in writing, or an audio recording. How about a powerpoint presentation of even a video. You might have other ideas—the choice is yours!



Places to Visit:

The Young V&A (Bethnal Green) - The Young V&A is an award winning museum on our doorstep, featuring lots of games—past and present—to see.

Tower of London—Local residents within the borough of Tower Hamlets can visit the Tower of London for only £1.00. (Tickets need to be purchased on the day and with proof of address).

Idea Stores— Idea Stores (including Whitechapel) have loads of free children and families activities over the summer holidays—visit website www.ideastore.co.uk/summer for more details.

Use the box below to record any of the activities your family have enjoyed this holiday. Be ready to share your homework in September when you return...

Name:

Class:

