



Have you seen those square Easter eggs - I got one and it was delicious!

This magical maths trick involves square numbers. Remember, you get a square number by multiplying a number by itself. For example  $6 \times 6 = 36$ . 36 is a square number.

There is an amazingly quick way of squaring a two digit number which ends in 5.

All you have to do is multiply the first digit by the number one more than it, and then put a 25 on the end of your answer.

Eg 35 squared

$$3 \times 4 = 12$$

put 25 on the end makes 1225

Note: this only works for two digit numbers that end in 5.

Learn this trick and you will amaze your parents - but it helps to know your tables to start with.....otherwise big mistakes can be made!