

Son's homework too hard: Beckham February 27, 2006 -

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England football captain David Beckham has confessed he is befuddled by his six-year-old son Brooklyn's maths homework.

Beckham, 30, admitted to being baffled when Brooklyn recently asked for help with a school assignment and had to turn to his former Spice Girls pop star wife Victoria to help out.

"Their homework is so hard these days. I sat down with Brooklyn the other day -- and I was like, 'Victoria, maybe you should do the homework tonight'," Beckham told the *Mail on Sunday* newspaper.

"I think it was maths, actually. It's done totally differently to what I was taught when I was at school, and you know, I was like, 'Oh my God, I can't do this'.

Brooklyn was like, 'Please do it with me', and I'm like, 'I'll read your book with you'."

The Real Madrid midfielder's son attends the exclusive Runnymede College in the Spanish capital, which follows the British national curriculum.

The *Mail on Sunday* gave examples of some national curriculum maths questions set for seven-year-olds.

They include: "Bet went to the shop at 11:45. She came back half an hour later. What time did she come back?" and "What is 12 divided by three?"

Beckham also admitted he has no "lucky" pre-match routines, with them too being tough to remember.

"I find that if I follow a routine ... it gets to the stage where you are thinking, 'Right, was it the left side ... the left boot I put on first, or the right side?'

"There are so many things that can go through your mind."

Beckham is set to skipper England in Wednesday's friendly against Uruguay at Liverpool's Anfield stadium.

Beckham a de la difficulté avec les devoirs de son fils de 6 ans

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David Beckham, le capitaine de l'équipe d'Angleterre de soccer, a confié dimanche à un journal qu'il n'arrivait pas à aider son fils Brooklyn, 6 ans, à faire ses devoirs de calcul. «Leurs devoirs sont tellement difficiles de nos jours», s'est plaint le joueur à l'hebdomadaire *Mail on Sunday*.

«J'étais avec Brooklyn l'autre jour, a-t-il expliqué, et j'ai dit à Victoria (son épouse, ndlr): "Peut-être que tu devrais faire les devoirs ce soir". Je crois que c'était du calcul. On leur apprend cela de façon complètement différente de celle à l'époque où j'allais à l'école et je me suis dit: "Oh mon Dieu, je n'y arrive pas."»

Brooklyn, dont le père joue au Real Madrid (1ère division espagnole), est scolarisé au Runnymede College de la capitale espagnole, un établissement qui suit le programme officiel britannique.

Le *Mail on Sunday* donne des exemples des problèmes posés selon ce programme aux enfants de sept ans: «Bet est allée au magasin à 11h45. Elle est revenue une demi-heure après. Quelle heure était-il?» Ou encore: «Combien font douze divisés par trois?».

David Beckham, 30 ans, doit conduire l'équipe d'Angleterre dans un match amical contre l'Uruguay mercredi à Liverpool (nord-ouest).