



Supporting your child at home with Maths.

There will be many opportunities for you to help develop your child's Maths skills as part of your everyday routine.

You can:

- Count to 10 and subsequently beyond.
- Play hopscotch.
- Talk about numbers in the environment.
- Identify bus numbers, house numbers and telephone numbers.
- Look at car registration plates to support number recognition.
- Encourage lots of practical activities e.g. matching socks, cookery, sorting washing.

Counting is an important skill that we need in our everyday lives.

You can encourage your child to:

- Sing number songs e.g. 12345 once I caught a fish alive, 10 fat sausages, 5 little speckled frogs.
- Play with number jigsaws and puzzles.
- Count objects such as teddy bears, marbles and toy cars.
- Count steps/stairs, hops, jumps, claps.

You can model counting by pointing to each object slowly while saying the number out loud.

Make number formation fun by asking your child to write numbers in different contexts; for example mark make in flour, sand, mud or shaving foam! Chunky chinks are great for outdoor mark making on paving slabs.

Sing lots of nursery rhymes with your child and when talking, use mathematical language such as one more, one less.

Look at shapes in the environment and discuss their properties; for example, is the bus stop a square or a rectangle? How many long sides does it have? etc.

And as always, remember to keep practicing number formation as detailed on the next page.

Number Formation

