

Supporting with Maths at home

Maths is all around us so you can use everyday experiences to support your child in developing their mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

1. Cooking

Cooking is a great way of introducing children to measures. Discuss the units of measure. Discuss the weight of different ingredients using the dial on a set of scales. As well as measuring out quantities, you could also ask them to read and follow the instructions on a recipe.



2. Shopping

Involve your child in counting out and weighing items. Compare amounts using one more and one less. Ask your child to count out the amount needed for items. Discuss what coins they will need to make the amount. Discuss how much change they will get from £1.



3. Shape Trail

You could go on a shape trail around your house or outside. What 2-dimensional shapes can you find? What 3-dimensional shapes can you find? Discuss how many faces, vertices and edges the shapes have. Can you find other shapes with the same properties? your child to sort the shapes into different groups and discuss how they have sorted the shapes.



4. Use maths vocabulary every day

Talking about maths is key in supporting of the development of your child's understanding of mathematical concepts. Try to include maths talk daily. You could talk about the number of toys your child has. How many would there be if you added one more/took one away? Could you put them into groups of 2, 5 or 10? Can you count these groups? How many would there be if you doubled the amount or halved the amount?



5. Maths Games

Maths games are a great and fun way of developing mental recall of number facts. They use mathematical and logical skills that your child will need later on in life. Encourage your child to recognise the numbers on a dice from memory. Can they use number bonds to help them add two numbers together? Discuss the numbers they land on. What is one more? What is one less? How many more do you need to win?

