



Early Years Parent Maths Guide



Maths

This area of learning relates to how your child:

- Learns to count
- Recognises and uses numbers
- Sings number songs and rhymes
- Begins to understand quantity
- Explores patterns and shapes
- Begins to understand and use the language of size, length, weight, position and time

Activities at Home

- Sing number songs and rhymes e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive, 5 Little Speckled Frogs
- Play board games involving counting, e.g. snakes and ladders
- Look for numbers in the environment, e.g. house numbers, car number plates, birthday cards
- Count in everyday situations, climbing stairs, doing up buttons.
- Talk about patterns on clothing and match the patterns e.g. pairs of socks
- Talk about the shape of things, point out sides edges, corners, straight or curved edges
- Read stories involving numbers/size, for example, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and The Three bears, The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Introduce 'problems' such as, 'How many more do we need?' or 'How many are left?'; 'We've got 2 here and 3 there, how many do we have all together?' 'Who's got the more?'; 'Who's got less?' . . .
- When buying new shoes compare sizes of feet in the family, talk about biggest, smallest etc.

