



Reception

Practical Maths Activities to try at Home



Here are some ideas of things that you can at home to help your child with Maths:

- Count all the time! When you are going up stairs, laying out the table, the numbers of buttons being done up, counting socks in the washing, counting out apples in the supermarket..... When you count things, help your child to see that the last counting word you say tells you how many things there were. Do this by emphasising the last number you say: "One, two, three, four. There are four apples in the bag."
- Have numbers to 20 poster up in their bedroom, and see if they can get their teddy to jump to the numbers you say.
- Count actions as you clap, stamp wiggle fingers etc.....
- Sing number nursery rhymes as you walk to school, do bath time etc... Many number songs such as Five Little Ducks, Ten Green bottles, start with a number and count backwards.
- Use bedtime story books as a source of counting practice. Ask your child to count, for example the number of teddies in a picture. Can they recognise the page number?
- In the supermarket:- Ask questions related to weight. What feels heavier the potato or the apple?
- Use ordinary playing cards to develop the skills of counting and recognising numbers. Help your child to: Play simple games such as snap. Can they recognise the number?
- Money- Give your child real money to play with (maybe not a £10 note!). Can they recognise the coins? Show your child how you count out amounts.
- Marbles- drop marbles into a container, children count what they hear?
- Have toy clocks, money, a role play shop at home.
- Play with threading beads, and lacing cards.
- Can they recognise numbers on road signs, house numbers, number plates etc?