



Maths

It is possible to find Maths in the everyday activities you already do together with your child. There are plenty of opportunities to play with numbers, and help your child feel positive about maths and make it fun.

- ✚ **Practice counting** up to 10 or 20 - you could count toy cars, lego men or pieces of pasta.
- ✚ **Practice measuring.** Help your child to draw round their foot on a piece of paper and cut it out. Use the foot outline to measure different things around the house eg a table, a door.
- ✚ **Bake** a cake or biscuits together. Measure and count out the ingredients.
- ✚ **Play games** together and practice counting. Use a dice and count the squares in Snakes and Ladders, play snap or dominoes.
- ✚ **Find the same amount of different items** to help your child understand what numbers mean. For example, find 3 spoons, 3 hats, or 3 socks.
- ✚ **Talk about the shape and size of objects**, e.g. big car, round ball, rectangular box. Ask questions like "pass me the biggest box", or "which is the smallest shoe?".
- ✚ **Play with items** like shells, bottle tops, beads, Lego and compare them. Try making patterns with them together.
- ✚ **Put items in order.** You could do this by weight, height or size. Ask your child to help you organise items around the house.
- ✚ **Make patterns** with objects, colouring pencils, paint or Play-Doh.
- ✚ **Solve problems.** Work out "how many altogether" and "how many more". As your child questions such as "We have 3 red apples and 2 green apples, so how many apples do we have altogether?".
- ✚ **Watch** Numberblocks on iPlayer and talk about the numbers and patterns that you both see.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>
- ✚ You may find some of the activities on these websites useful:
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/maths/maths-skills-ages-4-5/>
<https://family.co/blog/inspiration/10-creative-early-years-maths-activities/>
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=1>
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>