

For wet afternoons/school holidays/ weekends

Get together with your child and:

- * Go on a treasure hunt, obstacle course. Use mathematical words—over, under, between, around, behind, left, right.
- * Bake - talk to your child about the ingredients and how many pieces you need to feed everyone.
- * Do water play using different shaped containers and measuring cups.
- Play with packs of cards - make up addition and subtraction problems using numbers to 20. Look at a calendar - how many days, weeks until..... How many days in the month?
- * Do jigsaw puzzles, play games like I spy something that is longer than, bigger than, smaller than.



Supporting Your Child at Home with Maths



Year 2

A Booklet for Parents

Be positive about maths because
it's really important for your
child's learning!



Talk together and have fun with numbers and patterns

Help your child to:

- * find and connect numbers around your home and neighbourhood - find 7,17,27 on letter-boxes.
- * count forwards and backwards starting with different numbers 58,59,60,61,62 and back again
- * make patterns when counting forwards and backwards 5,10,15, 20 then 20,15,10,5 etc.
- * do addition and subtraction problems counting forwards and backwards in their heads (e.g $8+4$, $16-3$)
- * double and halve numbers to 20 (e.g Double 7 is 14, half of 14 is 7)



Here's a tip - maths is an important part of everyday life and there are lots of ways you can make it fun for your child.



Use Easy Everyday Activities

Involve your child in:

- * sorting—pairing up socks, toys by type/colour.
- * collect information about members in the families favourite colour, sport etc.
- * asking questions about pictures. How many birds are there?
- * shape and number hunt together.—shape of window, door, number of pairs of shoes.



Here's a tip - use lots of mathematics words as your child is playing (eg "over", "under", "first, second, third", "round", "through", "before", "after").

