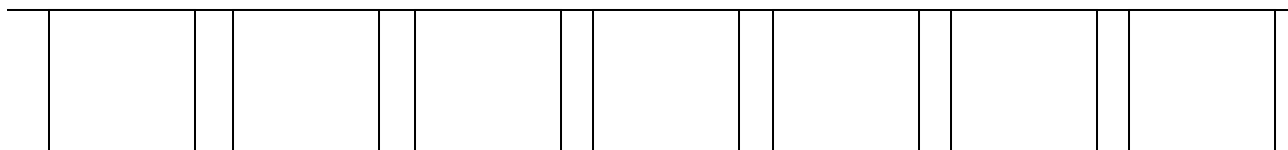


Some fun activities to help your child's mathematics

Number Line

Make a number line with your child, making each number special, e.g. 5 goldfish, 2 brothers etc... Hang it somewhere they will see it often.

(They could write the numbers on, or draw/stick pictures to go with the number too)



Ask questions, e.g. what is the number after 8? Which number comes between 2 and 8? What is 2 less than 6? If I start at 7, how many do I need to add to get to 11?

Adding Games

Encourage your child to add by counting on, e.g. $6 + 3$ is 6 and 3 more, so start at 6 and count on.

Collect objects, e.g. shells, buttons. Combine them in different ways to make a total, e.g. 10. This is great for number bonds to 10 – different ways of making 10. Easily extendable by increasing the number.

This could be used with stepping stones in the garden, lampposts on the way to school, magnetic numbers on the fridge door.

Car numbers – Each person selects a number. The game is to find a car whose digits add up to your number, e.g. 20. P794 MCG So, $7 + 9 + 4 = 20$.

Talk about the different shapes of tins, packets, boxes etc... in the supermarket.

On the way to school look for different shapes e.g. triangle, square, circle, rectangle, and talk about what makes that shape special.

Some games to play with your child to help develop counting:

- Skipping
- Hop Scotch
- Snakes and Ladders
- Bingo
- Skimming Stones
- Skittles



Don't forget your questioning! How many skips can you do? Is that an even number? You did 14 skips, what would 2 more be? How many more to make 20?

Useful Resources to have at home to help with your child's learning:

Number line - 0-20 or larger.

100 square

Dice - You can do lots of activities with these - roll it twice, add the numbers together; roll it twice to make a 2-digit number, then partition into tens and units; roll it once or twice, add on 3, take away 1 etc; roll it three times, what is the biggest number you can make using those 3 numbers? The list goes on! Make up a game of your own!

A small whiteboard - £1 from the pound shop!

Make it fun - they won't even realise they're learning!

