

Help your child with

maths

I spy

...make a game of spotting shape and patterns in real life

Get tools

...make tools like rulers, weighing scales, calculators and measuring tapes easily accessible around the house.

Use games

...encourage games such as card games or board games that involve counting or patterns.

Cook up a storm

...use measuring out ingredients to reinforce maths skills.

Ask questions

...ask questions comparing real life things. Which do you think is... the tallest, the smallest, the heaviest, the longest, the fastest, the most expensive?

Talk about it

...find out what skills are being taught in maths lessons and for homework. Be sure to ask about how answers were worked out!

Go online

...look online & in app stores for appropriate number and problem-solving games.

Out and about

When shopping count up the shopping and count out change together.

Involve maths in everyday life.

Money, cooking, music, computers, art, construction etc...
any real life situation!

St Catherine's RC Primary School



A guide to support Maths for Parents

NRICH enriching mathematics



Hickory Dickory
Dock



Maths age 4-6



Bee-Bot



Little Digits



Love

Faith

Respect

Perseverance

Compassion

Inspiration

Out and About

- Recognising numbers in the environment, e.g. bus numbers, house door numbers.
- Counting how many things you see on your way to school, e.g. cars, bikes, etc.
- Looking for shapes in the environment– can they name and describe shapes, e.g. it is a rectangle because two sides are long and two are short.



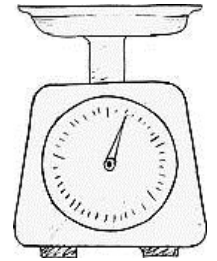
Helping at Home

- Counting in 2's when pairing up shoes or socks... Do they have a pattern too?
- Sorting objects by their colour or size, e.g. 4 different shoes. Which is the longest and which is the shortest? Can they be ordered by size?
- Cooking and baking– measuring ingredients and timing how long something takes to make.
- Cutting things up into more pieces, e.g. Can they cut a piece of toast in half? Can they cut it into triangles?
- Positional language– who is sat next to who at the dinner table?



Shopping

- Reading price tags.
- Counting items into or out of a basket.
- Finding and counting coins.
- Comparing weights.



Measuring

- Making heights on a wall and measuring how much they have grown.
- Talking about the size and shape of people, objects, etc.

Games

- Snap
- Jigsaws
- Snake and Ladders or other simple dice games which enable number recognition and counting on.
- Adding/ subtracting numbers on two dice.
- Hopscotch

