

### **Practise counting**

- Count objects when playing with toys.
- Count the number of hops or jumps when playing in the garden.
- Count the number of stairs up to bed.
- Estimate the number of objects in a small jar and count to find out.



### **Shape and Space**

- Identify shapes in the home and in the environment.
- Talk about how shapes are similar and different.
- Build models using bricks.
- Complete puzzles.

### **Talk about numbers**

- Identify numbers in the home and in the environment, such as on doors and buses.

## **Supporting your Child with Maths at Home: Reception**

### **Place items in order**

- Order socks or play dough snakes by length
- Order shells by size
- Vegetables by weight
- Containers of water
- Use the language: heavy, light, full, empty, long, short, tall.

### **Play games and sports**

- Snakes & ladders
- Connect 4
- Hopscotch
- Dominoes
- Skittles

### **Make patterns and collections of objects**

- Sort cars by their colour or size.
- Make repeating patterns.

### **Positional language**

- Use language such as in front of, behind, next to, over, under and in between.
- Describe the position of cars or animals when playing.
- Join in with stories such as We're Going on a Bear Hunt or The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

## Time

- Ask questions: What day is it today? Yesterday? Tomorrow?
- Use sand timers and stop watches to measure short periods of time.
- Talk about how long it will take to complete an activity.
- Sing the Marching Monday song.



## Cooking

- Measure and count out ingredients.



# Supporting your Child with Maths at Home: Reception

## Money

- Play shops and read price tags.
- Look at different coins and count 1p coins.
- Talk about how to spend pocket money or gifts of money.

## Share stories

- Rosie's Walk
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- The Doorbell Rang
- The Great Pet Sale
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar

## Solve problems

- Set the table for dinner. How many more place settings do we need? There are two spoons on the table. How many more do we need?
- There are 4 red apples and 2 green apples in the fruit bowl. How many altogether?
- There are 7 biscuits on a plate. I eat 2. How many are left?
- Count the number of marbles in this bag. How many will there be if I add 1 more or take 1 away?

## Join in with songs and number rhymes

- Five currant buns
- Five Little Ducks
- Five Little Monkeys
- Ten Green Bottles