



Helping your child with Maths

Class 1



<p>Counting</p> <p>Practise counting out objects, such as buttons, toys or sticks collected on a walk. Encourage your child to point to each object as they say the number name.</p>	<p>Matching</p> <p>Dominoes can be a great way to understand that a number refers to an amount of objects. Matching games can also help your child to understand 1:1 correspondence.</p>	<p>Ordering numbers</p> <p>Once your child has become familiar with counting then they can begin ordering numbers. You could label blocks, cars or dinosaurs with numbers 1-5 then 1-10 and enjoy putting them in the correct order, muddling them up again and starting again.</p>
<p>Songs and rhymes</p> <p>Songs and rhymes are great for helping young children learnt to count. Focus on numbers 1-5 and then 1-10. Try "five little ducks" and "1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive"</p>	<p>Talking</p> <p>Talk to your children about different uses of numbers. What can you see around you? "There are 3 cats on the wall" Play games and talk about numbers on the dice (board games are great for this)</p>	<p>Cooking</p> <p>Measure ingredients and bakes something yummy together. Don't forget to set the timer!</p>
<p>Sorting</p> <p>Anything can be sorted into groups! Sorting objects into sets of things with similar characteristics is important for beginning to understand what things have in common. This could be snacks, buttons or toys. Talk about "how many are in each group" Using more or less/ "What colour they are"</p>	<p>Shapes</p> <p>Understanding shapes helps us to make sense of the world around us. Go on a shape hunt around your house. See if you can find circles, squares, rectangles or triangles.</p>	<p>Every Day</p> <p>Do maths every day! You might not think it but you will be doing maths every day. Helping your child get dressing, going to the shops, singing counting song, counting the steps on the stairs, following a daily routine - most activities we do involves maths!</p>