

Top Tips for supporting your child with their mathematical development...

1. Sing and act out number rhymes. This will help them recite numbers in order and give you opportunities to develop their mathematical understanding of number and calculations.
2. When sharing a book look for counting opportunities and reinforce the use of positional vocabulary when talking about the illustrations.
3. Encourage your child to tidy away. This is a great way to reinforce positional vocabulary and matching shapes. They can sort toys into colours and shapes.
4. Get your child to help set the table, put the shopping away, sort out the washing. Again this helps with matching shapes and positional vocabulary as well as counting.
5. Cook/bake with your children. This introduces them to the concept of measuring. Use cups instead of grams.
6. Play with play dough. It's a great way to talk about length and size as well as shape.
7. Talk about daily routines. This introduces your child to the concept and vocabulary of time.
8. When playing with cars and trains reinforce sequencing and ordering skills and vocabulary as well as counting.
9. Give your child opportunities to develop the spatial awareness skills (as well as their motor skills) by playing outside in larger spaces.
10. Involve your child in growing plants. Through this there are opportunities to estimate, measure, talk about the passing of time such as seasons, months and days.