

Helping your child learn at home in

MATHS



In the street

- Look and discuss bus numbers.
- Compare house numbers, which number is bigger/smaller?
- Count – how many lampposts can you see on the way to school?
- Number plate hunt. Who can find a 7, 2 etc.? Can you

add the numbers up?

Doing the washing

- Sort clothes by colour and size.
- Match/pair up socks.
- Find four shoes that are different sizes. Can you put them in order?
- Count in 2s – matching shoes/socks.



Time



- What day was it yesterday, today, tomorrow?
- Use timers, phones and clocks to measure short periods of time.
- Count down 10/ 20 seconds to get to the table/ into bed etc.
- Recognise numbers on the clock. If you cover a number, what number is missing?



Food!

- Can you cut your toast into 4 pieces? Can you cut it into triangles?
- Set the table. Count the right number of plates etc. How many more do we need?
- Can you make shapes/ patterns out of the knives and forks. Can you put them in the right place in the drawers?
- Help with the cooking by measuring and counting ingredients.

Going shopping

- Read price tags.
- Count items into the basket.
- Find and count coins.
- Compare weights – which is heavier/lighter?



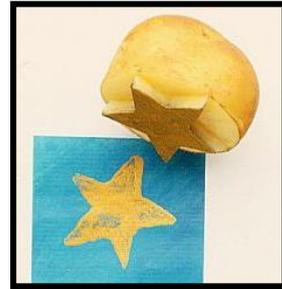
Measuring



- Are you taller than a ...?
- Mark height on the wall.
- Cut hand shapes out of paper. How many hands long is the couch? How long is the table? Which is longer?
- Who has the biggest hands in our family?
- How many steps from the gate to the front door?

Shapes

- Cut a potato into shapes (circles, triangle etc). Use with paint to make pictures and patterns.
- Cut out shapes from coloured paper/ newspaper and arrange into pictures.
- Shape hunt: Can you find a square in your house (windows etc), a circle ...



Games

- Jigsaws (you can make your own by cutting up a magazine picture)
- Snap (matching pairs) or Happy Families (collect 4 of a kind)
- Snakes and ladders or other simple dice games.
- Add numbers on two dice.
- Bingo, with numbers or shapes
- Hopscotch



Internet maths games:

www.topmarks.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/>

http://www.familylearning.org.uk/online_math_games.html

www.sesamestreet.org

