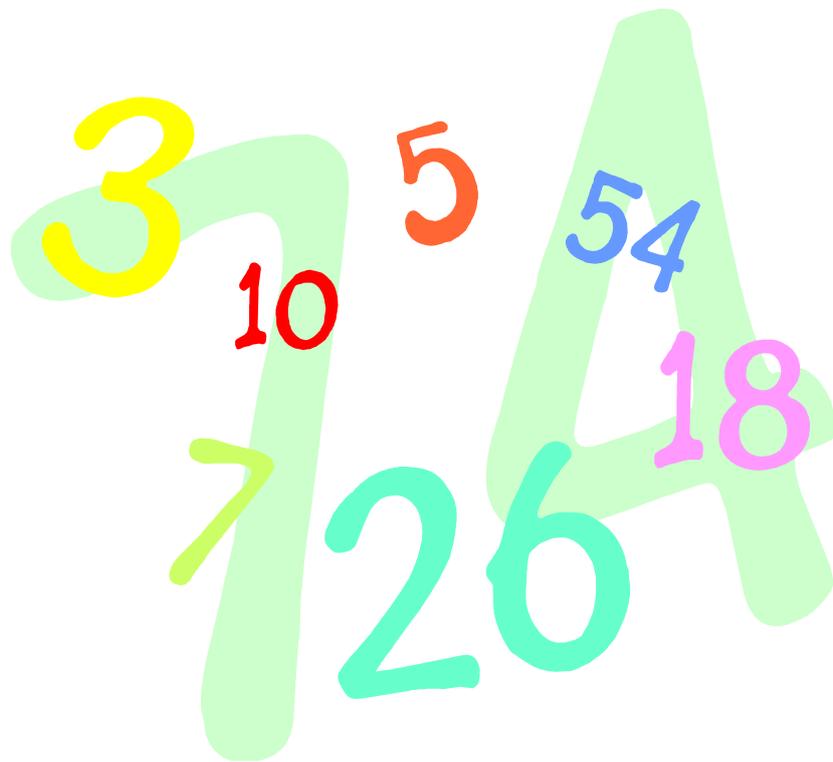


Helping Your Child With Maths at Home



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What you can do at home!

- Doing the washing
- Counting in 2s - matching shoes
- Sorting by colour and size.
- Matching/pairing up socks
- Find four shoes that are different sizes. Can you put them in order?



In the street

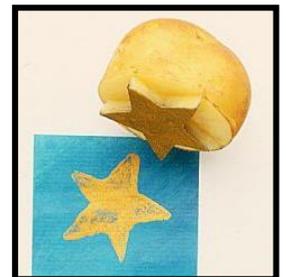
- Recognising bus numbers
- Number plate hunt. Who can find a 7?
Add the numbers up.
- Comparing door numbers



Counting - how many lampposts on the way to school?

Shapes

- Cut a potato into shapes (circles, triangle etc.) Use it 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 ...?



Number rhymes and songs

Eg: 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed

One fell off and bumped his head

Mummy called the doctor and the doctor said

"No more monkeys jumping on the bed!"

4 little monkeys jumping on the bed ...



Your child can teach you lots more or try this website which has the words and sings it for you:

http://www.nurseryrhymes4u.com/NURSERY_RHYMES/COUNTING.html

Measuring

- Are you taller than a ...?
- Marking 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?



Going shopping

- Reading price tags
- Counting items into the basket
- Finding and counting coins
- Comparing weights - which is heavier

Play dough

Here's a simple

1 cup of plain flour

1 cup of water

1 tablespoon

2 teaspoons cream of tartar

Half a cup of salt

food colouring and essences (optional)



recipe:

cooking oil

Put all ingredients in a large saucepan, and heat slowly, stirring all the time until it forms a ball. Keep it wrapped in cling film or in a covered tub to stop it drying out.

Then

- Make numbers and shapes
- Sort shapes into groups, or order by size
- Make long and short wiggly snakes.

Food!

- Can you cut your toast into 4 pieces? Can you cut it into triangles?
- Setting the table. Counting the right number of plates etc. How many more do we need?
- Helping with the cooking by counting eggs.
- Positional language at dinner time: what is on the rice, where are the carrots etc.?

