



Learning Maths at Home

Here are some suggestions of ways in which you might like to support your child's learning at home.

Activities/Suggestions:

- Use maths in everyday situations e.g. counting items out of shopping bags or counting out knives and forks when laying the table.
- Play board games or games with dice e.g. rolling 2 numbers and adding them together.
- Add number apparatus to your child's toy collection - counters, a purse full of change, dice, dominoes, a tape measure, a ruler, a pack of cards, a timer, different shapes.
- Look for patterns and shapes on floors, wallpaper, plants, building etc. Draw objects made entirely of rectangles or triangles etc. or butterfly pictures by painting one half then folding it over so the image is mirrored.
- Think about time, use a timer to time different activities e.g. getting dressed. Give your child a calendar so they can write on family birthdays and begin to be aware of months and weeks.
- Cooking - measuring and weighing on scales or counting out spoonfuls of ingredients.

Useful Vocabulary:

ADDITION AND SUBTRACTION:

+, add, more, plus
make, sum, total
altogether
score
double, near double
one more, two more... ten more
how many more to make...?
how many more is... than...?
how much more is...?
-, subtract, take (away), minus
leave
how many are left/left over?
how many have gone?
one less, two less, ten less...
how many fewer is... than...?
how much less is...?
difference between
half, halve
=, equals, is the same as

AMOUNTS:

Of two objects/amounts:

greater, more, larger, bigger
less, fewer, smaller

Of three or more objects/amounts:

greatest, most, biggest, largest
least, fewest, smallest
one more, ten more
one less, ten less
compare
order
size
first, second, third... tenth, eleventh...
last but one
before, after
next
between, half-way between
above, below



Maths in ICT

Here is a list of some maths websites that you may like to explore and enjoy with your child:

Website	A brief overview
http://www.supermathsworld.com/	A fun website full of superhero maths games.
http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/	A good website covering a range of subjects including maths games at various levels.
http://www.crickweb.co.uk/	A useful website with games and resources covering Literacy, Science, RE and History as well as Numeracy.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/digger/index.shtml	Some interactive number activities involving 'Digger' and the 'gang' characters.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/laac/menu.shtml	Animal characters specialise in different activities - choose Hoot the Owl for addition and subtraction.
http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/numbertime/	Fun maths games, worksheets and songs.
http://www.happychild.org.uk/wks/math/key1/index.htm	Very basic worksheets on addition and subtraction.

We hope you have found this information helpful.
Thank you,
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