

Early Years Maths

What do children learn at school in the Early Years?

In Reception and Nursery, children develop their understanding of numbers through counting and calculating simple addition and subtraction problems. They also use shapes and measurements to explore the world around them.

Counting Games and Activities

You can count anything, from toys and games to clothes and food.



For online counting games and activities, have a look at the 'Family Learning' website: www.familylearning.org.uk/counting_games.html

Further activities for you to try at home

- ❖ Sorting objects by their shape, size or colour, for example:
 - You could make piles with clothes sorted by colour or size
 - You could sort heavy or light objects onto lower or higher shelves
 - You could sort toys by their shape, size or colour

- ❖ Counting steps or up and down the stairs, adding and subtracting one, two or ten every time.

- ❖ Building a tower with building blocks or construction toys and adding and subtracting blocks.

- ❖ Spot the difference game: Both players count out some counters, coins etc. to make a set. Player One covers their eyes, whilst Player Two takes away some of the objects. Player One takes their hand away from their eyes and says how many objects have been taken away.

- ❖ Singing songs and rhymes, reading story books, and playing games can be a great way to have fun with maths.