



Ideas to Support Your Child at Home with Learning



Information for Nursery Parents

Ideas for reading activities at home

Picture books can be a great way to develop your child's language and talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story. Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun.

- Read books that offer a lot of repeated lines and phrases.
- Let your child fill in some blanks as you read books together.
- Pause and ask your child what they think will happen next.
- Draw attention to the words your child sees every day, such as on road signs, cereal boxes and making a shopping list.
- Reading and singing rhymes.

You don't always need to read the words in books. Looking at and talking about picture books is a great way to encourage your child to enjoy stories. If you speak another language at home, talk about the pictures and story in your own language.

- Talk about the book's cover and point out the title.
- Let your child hold the book and turn the pages.
- Encourage them to talk about the pictures.
- Use different voices for different characters.
- Add in sound effects like splashing in puddles, beeping car horns or animal sounds.

Ideas for Maths activities at home

We are surrounded by Maths and it is important to utilise every opportunity to ensure your child has a practical understanding of these new concepts in an ever changing world in which they live.

- Identifying shapes within your home.
- Comparing sizes and weights of objects. Which is bigger or more?
- Using mathematical vocabulary when talking to your child.
- Finding things that go together such as socks and gloves.
- Lining small objects up and counting them.
- Involve your children when cooking the family meal or laying the table.
- Play games with your child such as dominos or dice games.

Useful Websites

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/home-early-years>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/3-5-years/counting>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/families/subjects/maths>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/bedtime-stories>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-a-to-z-index/z4ddgwx>

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabNurseryRhymes-Videos>

Useful Apps - Some are free, and some require a subscription.



Number Skills



Meet the Numberblocks

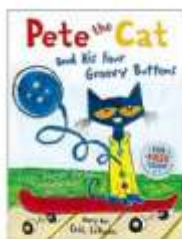


CBeebies Playtime

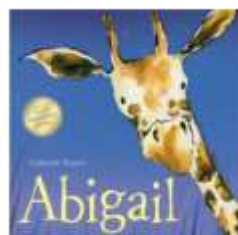


CBeebies Storytime

Books – Some suggestions to teach mathematical concepts, there are many more.



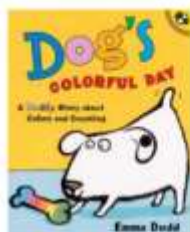
Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons
Eric Litwin
Subtracting from 4 with a song



Abigail
Catherine Rayer
Counting sequence with mistakes



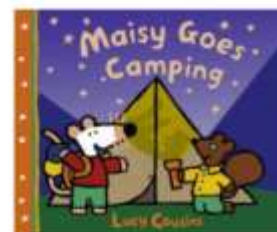
Ten Black Dots
Donald Crews
Arranged in different ways including a staircase pattern



Dog's Colourful Day
Emma Dodd
Dog collects spots to 10



Handa's Hen
Eileen Browne
Numbers to 10



Maisy Goes Camping
Lucy Cousins
Five toys try to squeeze into the tent