

Shapes are everywhere

- Make books about shapes.
- Have a shape hunt around the home or garden.
- Point out shapes to your child when you are out and about.
- Do simple puzzles together - ask, "will this shape fit here?"
- Sort by shapes.
- Cut out different shapes.



**Children learn
from you**

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**Helping your child to be
ready for school -
fun with maths**



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We use maths every day both at work and at home.

- Going shopping, sorting the washing or baking. Encourage your child to join in with you.
- Children learn from you so talk about what you are doing and make them feel involved.
- Make it into a game, for example how many socks can you find in the washing basket?
- Can you find the biggest plate?
- How many cups do we need for the table?
- If we take one away how many have we got left?



Remember to make it fun

Use number language whenever you can.

- Children learn about maths from books, stories, measuring, pouring, sharing and much more. There are many ways in which you can support your child's learning through play.
- Helping your child to learn these skills can be done through play and everyday routines.
- Use the toys your child is most interested in to increase their understanding of maths, for example what number is on the bus?
- Count forwards and backwards as often as you can - climbing the stairs or walking along the pavement.
- Use role play to count money and give change.



Children learn best through play

Enjoy maths with your child