

Ideas for Maths activities:

While doing these activities with your children, encourage to explain 'how' or 'why' they know that - it will help with their understanding.

- Practice counting on and back from any number in 1's, 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's.
- Spot any numbers when you're out and about, and ask 'what number is one more/less than that number?' Can they work out 10 more/less?
- How many red cars can you see?
- Look at the numbers on car registration plates - which numbers greater etc.
- Count how many seats/dogs/children there are in the park. What if 5 children left, how many would there be? What if 7 more children came, how many would there be then?
- How many children are playing on the swings?.....There are 2 swings and 6 children - how many children for each swing?
- How many silver cars pass before our bus comes?
- If you use counting to get your child's attention, then don't always count down from 5 or 10 in 1's - count in 2's or 5's or 10's from a different number e.g. '100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40 etc.
- Number pairs to 10 or 20 - if you spot a number while you are out, what is its partner to make 10 or 20?
- Look at house numbers - are they odd or even? How can you tell? What will the next odd or even number be?
- Count the value of coins in your purse/wallet.
- I have 30p. I want to buy something for 34p do I have enough money? How much more do I need?
- How many different ways can I make 10p/20p/£1 etc.
- Talk about prices in shops when you see them. How much is.....? Is it more or less than 50p
- What will you buy with your pocket money? Add up the totals - do you have enough? How much change will you get? How did you work that out? Did you count forwards or backwards?
- If you get 50p a week pocket money, how long would it take you to save £2?
- Have you been on holiday to a different country? What does their money look like? What is it called?