

Activities to support Maths

Muffin tin maths - a tasty maths activity, counting out chocolate chips into a muffin tin labelled with numbers.

I-spy Shapes - Play this traditional game but look for "...something shaped like a ...circle"

Shoe cupboard tidying - Tidying and sorting shoes is the perfect maths activity for a clutter free hall.

Table laying - Arranging cutlery on the table is another useful maths activity for developing sorting skills

Sandwich Making - When making a sandwich for your preschooler, ask them to help you cut it into halves or quarters (or even eighths!)

Bring me 5 - Choose a number, such as 5, then ask your little one to bring you 5 cars, 5 books, 5 blocks or 5 of anything they can easily carry!

Time announcing - Start by announcing the time when you see it's at the hour, "It's 3 o'clock!"

Hopscotch - Even preschoolers will enjoy helping to draw a hopscotch grid and then hop from number to number, forwards then backwards.

Number Hunting - Draw a number 4 on a piece of A4 paper, then hide the number behind a cushion (but not completely hidden). Help your toddler hunt for Number 4.

Draw around bowls - Grab a blank piece of paper and help your little one draw around upturned bowls to create a circle picture.

Play dough numbers - Roll out play dough snakes with your toddler, then form into numbers.

Which is heavier - take 2 objects, hand them to your toddler and ask, "Which is heavier!"

I spy colours - Play this traditional game but look for "...somethingblue!"

Odd one out - Lay out 3 objects, 2 similar and 1 different and ask "Which is the odd one out!"

Sock matching - Another tidying and sorting activity.

Cutlery drawer sorting - Yet another sorting activity, this will keep the cutlery drawer nicely organised.

Swing counting - Count aloud as you swing your child at the park. When it's time to get off the swing count down from 10 to 1.