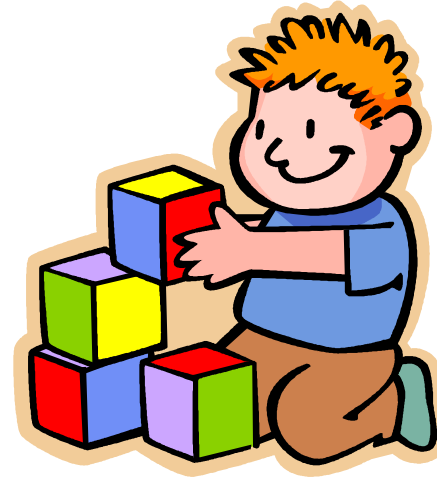


Learning at home



Maths
Booklet

Maths **is** everywhere

Maths is about everyday life.
We can't do such things as shopping, cooking,
telling the time, fitting flat pack
furniture together, etc without using our
mathematical skills and knowledge. Maths is everywhere and it doesn't
happen just at school or nursery.



There are opportunities for children's maths development everywhere

- * In the home
- * In the garden
- * At the shops
- * On the way to school
- * At the park



Maths is fun

We can develop a positive attitude to maths by making it fun to

- * Count the steps we go up or down
- * Look at the house numbers or bus numbers while in the street
- * Set the table-how many cups etc do we need?
- * Match pairs of socks
- * Brush long or short hair

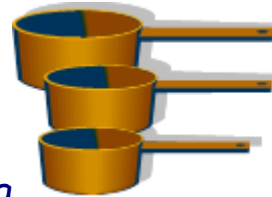
* Look at how tall the flowers grow

* Sing number nursery rhymes

The most important thing to remember is that it should be FUN!



Let your child help with baking/cooking



What size pan do we need?



Kitchen

How many more pieces of cake do we need?

What shape is the cake?

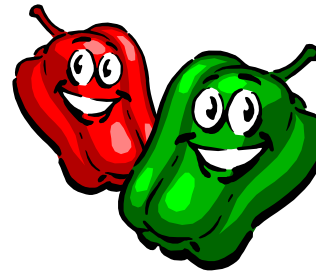
1 plate, 1 knife and fork and spoon for 1 person



Do we need a whole one or half?



Are these the same or different?



What number is on the bus?



Is your bag heavier or lighter than mine?



Shopping

Sometimes let your child hand over the money



Gardening

Let your child help with the gardening.



How many seeds/bulbs for this hole?

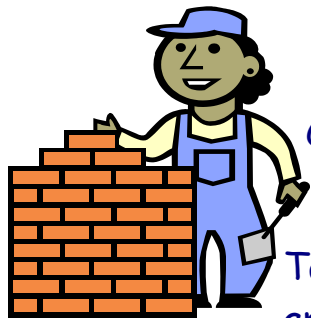


Talk about "too long" or "too tall" when cutting bushes back.

Is this hole big enough for this plant?

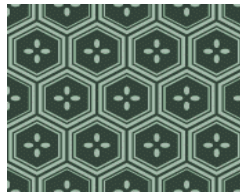


Pattern and shape in the environment

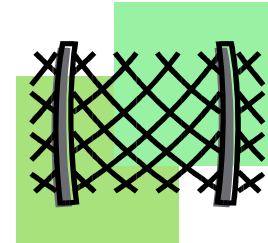


Can you see rectangles
in the wall?

Talk about shapes
and patterns of
everyday objects



Can you see diamonds in the fence?



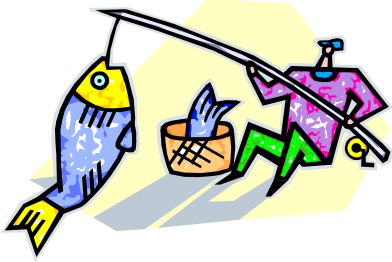
Point out the shapes of road signs

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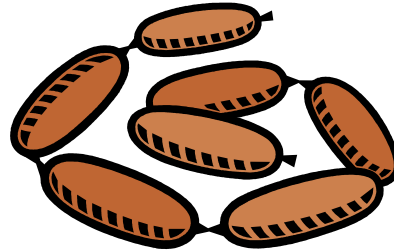
I caught a fish alive....



3 little monkeys jumping on the bed....

Songs

Nursery rhymes and songs introduce lots of maths especially counting.



7 fat sausages sizzling in the pan.....

Books

Talk about the sequence of events, what happens next?

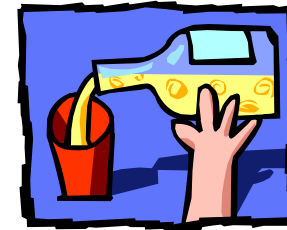
Is this the beginning, middle or the end?



Where is the front or back of the book?

Water

Sort mugs, plates,
cutlery when washing up



Talk about full/empty and more/less.

Use old plastic
bottles, sieves, bowls etc in the
bath



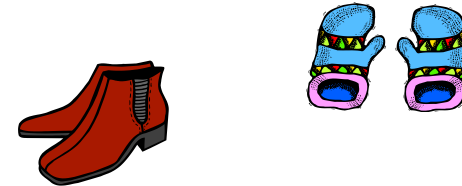
Clothes

Talk about too big/too small



Talk about shapes, pattern and colour

Point out numerals



Sort pairs
of socks, shoes and
gloves



Count buttons on coats and cardigans



