

Ideas for supporting your child with

MATHS



the way to school?

In the street

- Recognising bus numbers
- Number plate hunt
- Who can find a 7?
- Add the numbers together
- Comparing door numbers
- Counting - how many lampposts on

Doing the washing

- Counting in 2s
- Sorting by colour and size.
- Matching/pairing up socks.
- Find four shoes that are different sizes. Can you put them in order?



Time

- What day was it yesterday, today, tomorrow?
- Use timers, phones and clocks to measure short periods of time.
- Count down 10/ 20 seconds to get to the table/ into bed etc.
- Recognising numbers on the clock. If you cover a number, what number is missing?



Food!

- Can you cut your toast into 4 pieces? Can you cut it into triangles?
- Setting the table. Counting the right number of plates etc. How many more do we need?
- Can you make shapes/ patterns out of the knives and forks? Can you put them in the right place in

the drawers?

- Helping with the cooking by measuring and counting ingredients
- Setting the timer.
- Positional language at dinnertime: what is on the rice, where are the carrots etc?

Going shopping

- Reading price tags
- Counting items into the basket
- Finding and counting coins
- Comparing weights - which is heavier



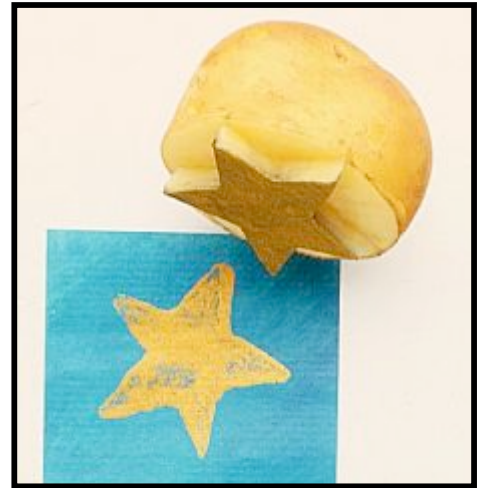
Measuring

- Are you taller than a ...?
- Marking height on the wall.
- Cut hand shapes out of paper. How many hands long is the couch? How long is the table? Which is longer?
- Who has the biggest hands in our family?
- How many steps from the gate to the front door?



Shapes

- Cut a potato into shapes (circles, triangle etc). Use with paint to make pictures and patterns.
- Cut out shapes from coloured paper/newspaper and arrange into pictures.
- Shape hunt: Can you find a square in your house (windows etc), a circle ...



Games

- Putting playing cards into piles
- Jigsaws (you can make your own by cutting up a magazine picture)
- Snap (matching pairs)
- Snakes and ladders or other simple dice games.
- Adding numbers on two dice.
- Bingo, with numbers or shapes
- Hopscotch

