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Supporting the early development of young children's mathematical skills at home!

(to follow on from the parent workshop yesterday)

Maths is all around us and you can help support your child's mathematical development by making it come alive!

Here are just a few ways in which you do this:

- It is worth having a set of number cards; these can either be bought commercially or be homemade;
- Help your child to learn to recognise all the numerals from 0 to 10, then extending to 20. Point out numbers that you see in everyday activities, such as numbers on packets or prices, car number plates, house or bus numbers;
- Ensure your child correctly forms the numerals: **0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9;**
- Talk about zero (0) as a way of describing nothing or none;
- Play mathematical games such as snakes and ladders, dominoes, skittles, snap, and other games that depend on numbers, counting, calculating and scoring;
- Capitalise on hobbies – most children have interests that can be linked to maths activities, including football, cars, animals, etc. Count groups of objects, spot numbers, order by length or weight, explore simple addition and subtraction etc;
- Be creative – encourage your child to spot shapes and patterns in the environment or at home;
- Talk about the time – seasons, day and night, morning, afternoon, evening, days, months, years. Start telling the time using an analogue clock; discuss main times of the day, e.g. lunchtime/bedtime and focus on o'clock only at first;
- Cooking is great! Involve your child in cooking activities, encouraging them to measure the ingredients (using the metric system);
- Learning games on apps and educational websites;

e.g: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>
<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>



Most of all, **have fun!** 😊

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