

Maths ideas for around the home



- Wash your hands while **counting to 5 – forward and backwards**.
- **Sort** some toys into groups **by size (big and small), by colour and shape**. **Count** the amounts in each group.
You can extend this by recording the data with tally marks.
- **Count how many?** Count how many jumps you can do in a row. How many times can you throw a ball in the air without dropping it? How many seconds can you stand on 1 leg?
- **Set the dining table:** ask questions like: how many people? How many plates, knives and forks will we need?
Set and count as you go.
- **Number hunt:** place the numbers 1-5 on post it notes around the house and send your child on a number hunt. Put numbers into the correct order.
- **More or less game:** make a collection of items with your child. One person will close their eyes while the other either adds an item or takes one away. Open eyes. Is there one more or one less?
- Thread fruit onto skewers to create **patterns**.
- Give your child an item to **measure length** (pencils, crayon, spoon, etc.). Have them measure things around the house to find things that are **longer or shorter** than their given item.
- **Position Race:** to help your child/children learn position language, play a game by asking your child/children to race to be in a certain position. Call out a position and the kids race to get in the position first, i.e. **under, above, beside, between, in front of**.
- **Shape hunt:** Choose a shape and find objects in the house that are the same shape. Can you draw this shape?