

Numeracy skills!

There are lots of opportunities to help your child with maths at home. Here are a few ideas:

- **Counting** - early on you can count with your child and when they are able, ask them to count things. This could be counting the stairs up to bed, counting out six apples in the supermarket or the number of roads you cross on the way to school.
- **Telling the time** - at first you can talk about morning, dinner time, bedtime. Later you can point out o'clock times which relate to their lives, such as the need to be at school by 9 o'clock. Children also need to develop an idea of time passing. You could use a kitchen timer or egg timer to see if they can tidy away their toys or get dressed in less than three minutes.
- **Cooking together** - this provides lots of opportunities to develop maths skills. You will be measuring liquids (capacity) and solids (weight), counting and estimating.
- **Looking for numbers** - encourage your child to choose a number when you set out on a journey and see how many times they can spot their special number on registration plates, signs and house doors.