

Going shopping

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

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 dinner time:

what is on the rice, where are the carrots etc?

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?

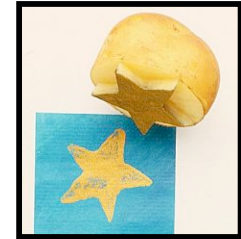
How many steps from the gate to the front door?

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 ...



Playdough

Here's a simple recipe:

1 cup of plain flour

1 cup of water

1 tablespoon cooking oil

2 teaspoons cream of tartar

Half a cup of salt

food colouring and essences (optional)

Put all ingredients in a large saucepan, and heat slowly, stirring all the time until it forms a ball. Keep it wrapped in clingfilm or in a covered tub to stop it drying out.

Then

- Make numerals and shapes
- Sort shapes into groups, or order by size
- Make long and short wiggly snakes.



In the street



Recognising bus numbers
Number plate hunt.
Who can find a 7? Add the numbers up.
Comparing door numbers
Counting – how many Lampposts on the way to school?

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

Doing the washing



Time

What day is/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 was missing?



How to help your Reception child



A booklet for parents,

Here are some ideas to support your child's understanding of maths.