In Reception, children learn mathematical skills through hands-on experiences, practical activities and play. Developing a positive attitude towards maths from an early age helps children build confidence and curiosity as they begin their mathematical journey.

There are many simple ways you can support your child at home:

Count Everywhere

- Count steps as you walk upstairs.
- Count toys as you tidy up.
- Count pieces of fruit at snack time.
- Encourage your child to count forwards and backwards.

Spot Numbers in Everyday Life

- Look for numbers on doors, buses, number plates and clocks.
- Ask your child to recognise and talk about the numbers they see.

Compare Quantities

- Talk about which group has more, fewer or the same.
- Compare the sizes of objects using words such as bigger, smaller, longer and shorter.

Sing Number Rhymes and Songs

- Nursery rhymes such as *Five Little Ducks* and *Ten Green Bottles* help children develop counting skills and an understanding of numbers.

Use Maths in Daily Routines

- Ask your child to help set the table by counting how many plates or cups are needed.
- Share snacks and discuss how many each person has.
- Talk about shapes you can see around the home and outdoors.

Build and Create

- Construction toys, puzzles and shape-sorting activities help children develop their understanding of shape, space and measure.

Stories

Using stories is a great way to support children with many different aspects of maths.

The Hungry Caterpillar includes counting, number ordering and days of the week. Traditional tales such as Goldilocks and the Three Bears is great for comparing size, capacity and weight.

Useful Websites

www.ictgames.co.uk

login – hasland

password - jethen669

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Wood

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