

Lending library together time tubs

**Information for
parents / carers**

**Working together to
achieve more**



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What are together time tubs?



Together time tubs are quick and simple maths and numeracy activities for you and your child to do together at home.



*Maths is an important part of learning for children in the early years because it **provides vital life skills.***

*Numeracy skills aren't just an important part of the curriculum – they're a vital life skill that **enables us to carry out all kinds of everyday tasks***

Just a few minutes of learning maths a day can help children to...

- Improve problem-solving skills
- Get better at critical thinking and decision making
- Develop observational skills
- Understand how to manage their finances as they grow
- Better understand the world around them

Mathematics gives us a way to understand patterns, define relationships, and predict the future. It helps us do many important things in our daily lives.

Maths and numeracy in daily life!

There are so many ways that we use lots of areas of maths in our daily life. You might not even realise you're using it.

Here are some simple, everyday examples where we use our mathematical skills...

- £ • Managing money and budgeting
- Shopping
- Following recipes and making food
- Working out distance for travel to school, work and beyond
- Working out how long you have to get ready for school
- Understanding sports results and statistics
- Playing an instrument
- Crafts such as sewing
- Measuring for DIY home decorating projects
- Exercising
- Time management



Pointing out the maths in what you're doing can help your child to feel positive about maths. It helps children understand that maths isn't scary!

Parent / carer role



While you're out and about.....

- Go on a shape hunt - how many circles, squares, rectangles or triangles can your child find? Try to look for patterns in the environment.
- Look for numbers on doors, buses, cars, signs, at the shops – anywhere!
- Count things – how many houses have a red door? How many dogs can you count in a day?
- Talk about time. How long does it take to walk to the shop, or to school?



While you're at home.....

- Cooking / baking - measurement and weight. Follow the sequence of a recipe.
- Washing - put items in order of size, material and colour.