

Maths and Numeracy

Information for Families



Torryburn Nursery


Growing and Learning Together!

KINDNESS FUN PLAY

Numeracy is one of the key elements of the Curriculum for Excellence and is the responsibility of all practitioners who are involved with children.

There are many things you can do at home to promote your child's early numeracy skills, such as:



- Point out numbers around the house such as door numbers, clocks, calendar.
- Encourage your child to look for numbers in the local environment such as number plates, bus timetables, road signs.
- Provide containers of different sizes and capacities.
- Provide different shaped containers such as egg boxes, tins, cake trays.
- Collect with your child a variety of loose parts such as stones, twigs, pinecones, conkers. 
- Provide a variety of different mark making tools such as chalk, paintbrushes (could use outdoors with water), pens, pencils.

- Make your own play dough with flour, salt and water. This can be great for children to mould different numbers and shapes.



These materials can be used for a variety of purposes - number recognition, ordering, sorting and matching, forming number shapes.

Everyone learns at their own pace, so have fun with numbers! No pressure.

Your Interactions

Your daily interactions with your child are so important in promoting their numeracy skills.

Simply put numbers into your everyday conversations:

We will have lunch at one o'clock

I can see four birds in the garden.

You will need two socks.

There are three people - mum, gran and you!

Questioning your child will help to develop their understanding of numbers in context.

I wonder how many plates we will need for everyone to get one each?

Can you find me one more/less?

I wonder why there is a number on the bus?

I wonder who has more buttons, you or me?

If you have any questions about how to support your child's early numeracy skills or how we are supporting them in Nursery, please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff.

