

Supporting your child's learning at home

Recently at ACE Day Nursery:

We have been focusing on mathematics and involving this in all areas of the children's day. Children have been helping to lay the tables before meal times, and we have found this a good way of encouraging the reciting numbers in sequence by counting how many plates, cups and bowls we need.

During meal times we talk about how many pieces of food the children have on their plates and the difference between the amount of food on each child's plate e.g. counting out their carrots together, these conversations involve the children using some language of quantities.



For you to try at home:

Make the most of your time outdoors to develop your children's mathematics skills. When out on walks point out to children what you can see, commenting on the size of trees, counting out how many animals you may find and looking at door numbers.



Scooping activities are great for encouraging discussions about quantities through your child's interests. These can easily be made up of different sensory resources that you have at home such as: rice, oats or pasta. Using words such as: full, empty, all gone, lots and more.



Other ideas could include making a number game using an old egg box with paper clips, pom poms or even pieces of pasta. In the example above they have used paperclips. Encourage your child to count how many dots are under each number and then encourage them to count out the correct number of paper clips (or your own choice of resource) to match and place in the correct compartment under the relevant number.