**How you can help your child at Home in Reception**

Keep positive at home - everyone can do Maths.

Maths is everywhere practice little and often.

Ask children to explain their answers to questions. Ask the question- how do you know? When they respond with an answer, can they can prove it.

**Subitising (Don’t count …. See the amount)**

* Ask your child to be a Super Subitiser when looking at quantities to 5 (use natural resources like conkers, Lego, pasta shapes – anything that interests your child)
* Pose the questions: What do you see? How do you see it?
* Play games using dice and dominoes and encourage children to say how many spots without counting

**Counting**

* Count the steps on stairs, cars along the road, jumps, bounces of a ball.
* Sing number songs and rhymes e.g. 12345 once I caught a fish, 10 green bottles, 10 in a bed, 5 little men in a flying saucer. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>
* Play board games using dice (for subitising the dice and counting moving spaces on a board), What’s the Time Mr Wolf and Hide and Seek.
* Practice Rocket Blast Off- jump on your launch pads 0-20, 20-0 - Blast Off!

**Representation of numbers**

* Create your own Number Houses. Ask your child to explain the representations.
* Practise drawing/finding lots of ways to represent numbers

These could be the number, fingers on a hand, in a tally, dice dots, filling in a tens frame, drawing flowers, Numicon, cubes or other pictures.

* Which number is it? How do you know? “I know it is number ........ because....”
* Watch Numberblocks games

 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zf3r96f>

* Spot numerals in the environment – on phones, microwaves, cookers, clocks, number plates on cars, buses, doors etc
* Practise forming the numerals.
* Hide numerals around the house or garden to find and place in the correct order.

Make it fun