Home Ideas: Numeracy

Cross out the rectangles as you complete each activity.

Shape Hunt

Draw some basic shapes on a piece of paper (circle, square, rectangle, oval, triangle). Look around the house and find things to match your shapes. Make a tally next to each of your shape pictures.



Before and After

Create a horizontal number line from 0-10 on the floor using numbers written on paper. Call out a number to locate on the number line. Practise jumping forwards to find the number that comes after and backwards for the number that comes before.

Counting Rocket Ship

Curl up in a ball on the floor. Start counting from 0 to 10. As you count higher move up onto your feet and then higher and higher until you form a rocket ship blasting off. Repeat backwards (counting 10 to 0).

Make a Pattern

Find objects of the same colour or shape (beads, beans, buttons, etc.) that you can use to make a pattern. Explore copying a pattern, creating a pattern and extending on a pattern of varying difficulty.



More and Less

Gather some of your toys. Take turns putting your toys in two different sized aroups (up to 10). Guess which group you think has more and which has less. Check your answer by counting the number of toys in each group.



Dot Match

On some post it notes or small pieces of paper write numbers from 0-10. Repeat this but use dots to represent the numbers. Hide the dot set around the house. Go around the house matching the numbers to the correct dots.



Sorting

Help put the washing up away. Sort the cutlery, plates, cups and other items into matching groups. You could also do the same type of activity by helping to put some clothes away.



Comparing Height

Look around your home for something tall, something short and other items that are 'in between'. Have a go at ordering your objects from shortest to tallest.



Fill Containers

Choose some

different sized

containers and one

cup. Predict and then

measure how many

cups it takes to fill

each container with

water. Change your

cup size and see how

it changes your

measurements.

Counting

Look around the house for things you can count (chairs, pillows, spoons, etc.). Pick one category to count at a time. Go around the house counting out loud the number of items in that category and declare your total.



Sing a Counting Song

Sing some songs about numbers like: Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed, Ten in the Bed. Alice the Camel. This Old Man, One Potato Two Potato, and Five Little Ducks.



Comparing Length

Cut a piece of ribbon or string (or even use a shoe lace!). Find something that is longer and shorter. As a challenge, you could find something that is the same length. Once you have collected some items, try and sort them by length.



Number Writing

Roll a die (for numbers to 6) or two dice (for numbers to 12). If you don't have a dice use an online dice roller. Identify the number of dots on your dice and write the matching number.



Help Make Dinner

Count out the correct number of plates/ cups/cutlery to set the table. Talk about the recipe using terms like more, less, how many, how much. Help measure out and collect the correct number of ingredients.



Solve a Puzzle

Complete a puzzle that you have at home and/or create your own. Make a puzzle of your own by drawing a picture on some paper/card. Then, draw some cutting lines over your picture to form puzzle pieces and cut along the lines.





Keep in mind:

Name:

- Using our formation rhymes when writing helps us form our numbers correctly.
- Pointing at or touching each object while I count out loud will help with my accuracy.
- If I make a mistake, support and encourage me to check 'my work' so I can figure out the correct answer.
- Encourage me to talk out loud while I am working through these activities.
- These activities can be repeated and extended upon.

Home Ideas: Literacy

Cross out the rectangles as you complete each activity.

Explore a Book

Ask your child to choose a book and read it to them with an expressive voice. Talk about the front cover, characters, setting and events.



Write Our Class Sounds

Use the 'class sounds' cards to practise writing the letter sounds we have been learning. Explore different mediums, such as those suggested for writing your name.



Use Your 'Traffic Lights'

Use your 'traffic lights' activity from earlier in the term to practise identifying the beginning/ middle/ final sounds in words, as well segmenting and blending the provided CVC words (oral only).



Play 'I Spy'

Say to your child, "I spy with my little eye something beginning with ___" (choose a letter sound). Let them guess and give clues if needed. Then swap roles.



Read a Book

Use the QR code

below (links to

decodable books) to

practise sounding out

and blending words

using the sounds we

have learnt. I may

need to practise a

book more then once.

Read and Write

'Tricky Words'

Use the 'tricky words'

cards to practise

reading and writing

the tricky words we

have been learning.

Mix things up using

the suggestions from

'identify' and 'writing

our class sounds

boxes.

Write Your Name

Explore different ways for your child to write their name (on paper, in a tray with rice, in shaving cream, with play dough, etc.).



Reflect On

a Story

After reading a story

together, talk to your

child about their

favourite part of the

story. They may like

to draw or paint a

picture or act it out

with their toys.

Identify Our Class Sounds

Use the 'class sounds' cards to practise identifying the letter sounds we have been learning. Change the order and location of the cards.



Act Out a Story

Choose a simple story
(We're Going on a
Bear Hunt, Billy Goats
Gruff, Three Little
Pigs, etc.) to act out.
You could even make
your own puppets or
use toys as
characters.



Play 'Riddle Me'

Choose a topic
(animals, food, sports,
etc.) and something
specific to that topic
(e.g. tiger). Give clues
to your child until
they can guess your
answer. Then swap
roles.



Explore Different Texts

Look around the house to discover different types of texts (recipes, maps, newspaper, etc.) and talk about what we use them for. If you have some recipes, you may like to cook something.



Write Simple Words

Use the 'writing ideas'
page to help me
practise writing words
using the sounds I
know. Explore
different mediums,
such as those
suggested for writing
your name.



Innovate a Story

Retell a simple story
(Three Little Pigs,
Three Billy Goats
Gruff, Goldilocks,
etc.) or nursey rhyme.
Change some of the
characters and
practise retelling your
new story/rhyme.



Keep in mind:

Name: _

- We are learning our letter sounds and I should use these when reading and writing.
- 'Tricky words' can be sounded out and shouldn't be taught by sight.
- Using our formation rhymes when writing helps us form our letters correctly.
- You can remind me that upper case letters aren't used in the middle of words (including my name).
- These activities can be repeated and extended upon.

Play 'Mr Copycat'

Brainstorm different voices you can make (robot, posh, silly, etc.). Choose a sentence and practise using these different voices. You can also choose to change your speed and volume.



Home Ideas: Play and Movement

Cross out the rectangles as you complete each activity.

Build a Fort

Think about using couch cushions, chairs and blankets to make a fort.



Have a Tea

Party

with them.

Sing a Song

Think about songs you can sing with actions like Open Shut Them, Itsy Bitsy Spider and I'm a Little Teapot.



Play Dress Ups

Think about using home dress ups, old clothes and clothes from other family members that you can use to dress up.



Create a Dance

Think about your favourite songs and create simple dance steps to them.



Move Your Body

Think about
different ways you
can move your body
(star jumps, side
gallop, hop, skip,
etc.) and create a
fitness work out.



Invent Something

Think about which of your toys you can invite to a pretend tea party and which games you could play together.

Think about a new invention. Draw a design, gather your around the house and create your invention.



Build an Obstacle Course

Think about things around the house you can use to jump over, tunnel under and skip through to make an obstacle course.



Have a Race

Think about all the different ways you could have a race with others at home (running, hopping, skipping, crawling, etc.) and see who is the fastest!



Create

Artworks

Think about items
you can use at home
to create an
artwork (painting,
drawing, sculpture
from recyclables,
mosaics from scrap
paper, etc.).



Use Your Play a Game

Imagination Think about different games you Think about items could play (freeze, around the house musical chairs, you might not board games, hide normally play with and seek, etc.) and (plastic cups, rocks, play some of these bottle caps, etc.) and use your games together. imagination to play



Get Messy

Think about something messy you can create and play with (e.g. 'mud' from cocoa and water, 'oobleck' from corn flour and water, bubbles with dishwashing liquid and water, etc.).

Create Music

Think about different ways to make music using items from around the house (pots for drums, Tupperware container of rice for a maraca, clapping, etc.).



Experiment with Water

Think about different ways to experiment with water (build a paper boat, explore objects that float/sink, explore items for pouring and collecting, etc.).





Keep in mind:

Name:

- These activities can be repeated and extended upon.
- Talk to your child about how these activities can be completed safely and supervise their play.
- You can brainstorm other activities with your child that involve movement and play.
- Encourage your child to also engage in unstructured play time with their toys.
- Have fun ☺