

## Maths is everywhere

Please use this language as much as possible with your child.

What goes together? Let your child practise sorting things into groups.

How Many?  
What Colour?  
What Shape?  
How big?  
How long?  
Where? Over/under etc.  
How full?  
What comes next?  
When? yesterday /tomorrow/ today  
How long does it take?  
How heavy?  
How much?  
One more than  
More/fewer/ next/ after  
Guess / Estimate



### Games suggestions for parents and children at home

- Count as you do everyday tasks - up the stairs etc.
- Number rhymes.
- Counting games.
- Capacity - at bath time introduce the words full, empty, more, less.
- Time is a very difficult concept for young children. Give plenty of discussion activities involving days of the week. Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow.
- Board games such as ludo and snakes and ladders give practice in counting forwards and backwards.
- Ordinal numbers—1st 2nd last.

# DINAS POWYS INFANTS' SCHOOL

## Home Activity Booklet



## Helping your child to learn



## Listening Activities



- Listen and identify sounds in and around the home environment - eyes open/closed.
- 'Listening Walk' - in/around/outside home.
- Clap rhythms - own name, Nursery Rhymes, repeat rhythm clapped by you.
- Simon says.
- Word/sound association - cow/moo, cat/miaow.
- Rhymes, poems, stories
  - listen for enjoyment
  - listen for mistakes e.g. little Bo Peep lost her dog!
  - child finishes the story-supplies next word / complete rhymes etc.



## Early Reading Activities



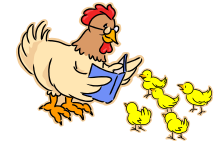
- Find interesting pictures to talk about. Stick them in a scrapbook.
- Sing or say Nursery Rhymes and songs.
- Start a familiar story and let him/her finish it.
- Introduce new words such as the names of things you see when you go shopping. Children like to hear long words!
- Ask your child to tell you things in order such as the things he/she has done throughout the day.
- Children learn about shapes and size (of letters) by using jigsaws and building toys.
- **READ TO YOUR CHILD**



## Ways to Encourage Reading



- READ TO YOUR CHILD for a short time every day.
- Use traditional tales as they can be learnt by heart, point to the words as you read together.
- Encourage your child to observe the printed words in their environment, e.g. street names, shop signs etc
- Let your child see you reading books, magazines etc.
- Make use of Dinas Powys Library.
- Make sure they know the difference between a letter and a word.
- Make the reading of words into a game.



The following reading games will help:

- ⇒ Matching
- ⇒ Snap
- ⇒ Pairs
- ⇒ Find 2 letter words
- ⇒ Find words that start with the same letter
- ⇒ Lotto
- ⇒ Flashcards
- ⇒ Write the words
- ⇒ Make up sentences

**Have fun and give plenty of encouragement and praise**

