

Starting school soon?

Some things to try for ...

**Maths**

## Spatial awareness

Play and talk together using direction words like in, on, under, over, next to, into, behind, near ...

Set up some simple obstacle courses indoors or outdoors - and describe your child's movements

Involve your child in planning short journeys, or the route round a shop

Play with loose parts - beads, pebbles, sticks - any small items your child can arrange into patterns

## Using numbers & maths

Model how to count objects - help them if they want to try. Don't correct mistakes, just show them how again, touching one object at a time as you say the word

Count aloud when doing everyday tasks - laying the table, finding change ...

Baking & cooking together is great for measuring

Play with your child sorting objects (laundry? recycling?) or putting in size order

## Maths language

Play & talk with your child - look for chances to use maths words - big, small, more, less, enough, lots ...

When you are measuring, sorting adding or matching talk aloud - let your child watch and "help"

Point out numbers & shapes when out and about - street signs, prices, menus, anything!

## Don't worry about ...

Counting higher and higher - it is more important your child understands what they are doing

Writing numbers or learning lots of number facts

Complicated activities - instead enjoy games & puzzles, taking turns, using dice - and talk about what you are doing

If you are nervous about maths yourself - just play & have fun and learning will happen