

# Maths tips

1 - 2 years

- Let your toddler help you to set places at the table. Help them by saying "a cup for me, a cup for you".
- Count the stairs together as you climb them.
- Let your toddler help you to sort the washing into piles or match socks.
- Go for a nature walk and collect leaves, pine cones, and rocks in a bag. Then sort them together when you get home.
- At the supermarket, talk about items using words such as big and small. Or count how many things you're buying, such as how many apples.
- Let your toddler help you tidy up by putting similar items together, such as all the spoons in a pile, or matching saucepans with their lids.
- Sing nursery rhymes that use numbers, like Five little monkeys or Five little ducks.
- Give your toddler toys and objects they can shake, bang, open and close, or take apart in some way to see how they work.
- Read books that use words such as big, small, in, out and under.



## Did you know?

Every day brings opportunities for your toddler to learn about numbers, shape, space, sorting and matching.

Count with me

Maths tips for parents

There's more to maths than counting!

### "What I Like"

- Doing things again and again.
- Filling and emptying objects in and out of containers.
- Opening and closing things to see how they work.

### "What I can do"

- Understand the words more and enough, even though I can't explain what they mean yet.
- Start to understand that things are still there even when I can't see them.

This leaflet is from a series of five, each leaflet covers a different age range from birth to five years old. Children develop at their own rates and in their own ways. The ages are suggestions of typical ranges of development.

If you have any concerns about your child's development, speak to your GP, health visitor or someone at your local Sure Start Children's Centre.

You can find all the leaflets and more advice about child development on the Surrey Family Information Service webpages

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/earlylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/earlylearning)



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