

Nursery: Ways to help your child at home

- Look for ways to count around your home - steps to the bathroom, up and down stairs, count toys as you tidy away together at the end of the day...
 - Look for known sounds and letters from their name on signs, in books...
- Make time to enjoy lots of stories together! Watch the story videos on the nursery page of the website and talk about which stories they like best. Draw pictures of their favourite characters from some of the stories you read together.
- Encourage your child with any mark making they enjoy. Celebrate their marks and look for reasons to mark make - shopping lists, writing cards, etc. Find interesting ways to mark make at home eg. in trays of salt or sugar, in shaving foam, with playdough...
- Continue to encourage your child with their self help skills such as doing up their coat, putting on their shoes, wiping themselves when they go to the toilet, etc.
- Include your child in daily routines such as cooking, cleaning and encourage them to take ownership of small tasks like making their own bed, brushing their teeth, counting out knives and forks for mealtimes...
- Play games together. Board games are great for turn taking, improving counting skills and problem solving. Role play games are wonderful for developing creativity and imagination - so throw on a cape or a tiara and join their world!