Kindy-Year 1: Supporting Your Child in Maths

Kindy – Year 1

- Sing counting rhymes
- Read stories which involve counting, ordering, days of the week
  
  Examples include:
  3 Little Pigs
  The Enormous Turnip
  3 Billy Goats Gruff
  10 Rubber Ducks
  The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
  The Piggy Race
  1001 Things to Spot Long Ago
  1001 Things to Spot on A Farm
  1001 Bugs to Spot
  
  Usborne Publications – available as sticker books

Number Recognition
  1. Dot to dot drawings (reinforces number order)
  2. Walking to school – read house numbers
  3. Car/bus journeys – numbers in the environment, speed limits, numbers on signs (distances)
  4. Counting cars – how many red cars, blue cars…competition!
  5. Counting different types of vehicles – trucks, buses, motor bikes….competition!

- Play games (turn-taking/sharing)
  1. Dominoes
  2. Snakes and Ladders
  3. Pack of cards – see tip sheet: Card Games to Develop Mental Maths Fluency

- Coin Recognition
  1. Allow your child to have a small amount of regular pocket money; encourage saving for something special
  2. When shopping, talk about prices – value for money
  3. Freebie catalogues – discuss prices, which items could I buy if I had $10, what would my change be?

- Baking
  1. Involve your child with baking/cooking
  2. Decorate cupcakes making patterns – smarties/m & m’s – same number on each cupcake

- Family Numbers
  1. Know their birthday – month & date
  2. Know family birthdays – who has their birthday first, second, third each year?
  3. Order ages of family members – know who is the eldest/youngest