

Shape

You could take your child on a 'shape walk' around an area such as Longley Park to see what shapes they can spot. Look at the buildings to spot right angles and symmetrical shapes. Can they identify any irregular shapes by counting the numbers of sides?

Money

Receiving (and spending!) pocket money can make children very keen learners in this area! Put them in charge of a small part of the shopping list at the supermarket and give them a budget they must not go over. This will encourage them to:

- *Recognise all coins and notes*
- *Total and write amounts up to £10 using £ and p*
- *Work out change that should be given.*

Time

Make sure that there are both traditional and digital clocks around the house for your child to practise reading the time to 5 minute intervals. Ask them to be 'human alarm clocks' and to let you know when the oven needs turning off at 20 past 6. Encourage your child to solve problems involving time e.g. this programme starts at 12.20 and it is 50 minutes long. What time will it finish?

Measures

Cooking is a great way for your child to practise weighing and measuring in grams and kilograms. It's a terrific way to learn to accurately read scales and measure out capacities in litres and centilitres.

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Helping your child with maths in Year 3

This leaflet is to give you some ideas about how you can support your child's learning in maths in small, fun, practical ways at home this year.

Children's numeracy skills can be greatly boosted by help at home, in the same way that regular help with spelling and reading can nurture their literacy skills. Parents are often nervous to help in maths however, worried they may confuse their child by teaching them 'different' methods ("we didn't do it like this in my day..."). At Pathways Academy, we aim to teach children to work with number in lots of different ways. We know that what works for one child will not always make sense to another and that by giving them a range of different methods, they will be well equipped to select one which works for them. So please, be encouraged to talk about maths with your child, you never know, they may even teach you a new thing or two!

