



How to support your child at home in Literacy and Numeracy

Learning at home is not a new experience for our FPS families. Already parents and carers are doing many activities at home to support their child's learning. At FPS we are confident that our families will be able to continue to support children with learning. Below are some suggested activities for Literacy and Numeracy that parents and carers can easily do with children in the home.

Literacy is all around us. It is reading, writing, speaking and listening. Taking time to talk to your child (in any language) about what is happening in their world helps to create great topics for writing or reading about further. The list is endless, but below you will find some additional suggestions for supporting literacy learning in the home.

Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Browse your online library options to read a range of books. ● Encourage your child to explore and read different genres and text types such as poetry, non-fiction, fiction and short plays. ● Allow your child to play age appropriate digital games that require reading. ● Encourage your child to use a dictionary to look up words that they don't know when reading. Discuss new words and their meanings. ● Solve crosswords, word puzzles and brain teasers. ● Prepare for an outing by reading public transport timetables, maps and brochures. ● And most importantly READ YOURSELF!
Book chat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chat to your child about books by asking questions. ● Does the main character change in the story? How does the character change? ● If you could change the ending of this book, what would it be? ● What do you think is the story's main message? ● What is your opinion about the story's main message? ● Can you relate the story or message to another event or issue? ● How could other people see it differently?
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage your child to write for everyday skills such as recipes, family messages and shopping lists. ● Encourage your child to write different types of texts such as film scripts, short plays or poems. ● Use a book your child has read as a springboard into creative writing. ● Make a scrapbook — this could be about a holiday or special event, and have your child write captions for the photos and pictures. ● Encourage your child to read their text out loud to identify mistakes in writing and edit their work. ● Use a thesaurus to help increase your child's vocabulary. ● Write a review of a book or film. Encourage your child to have an opinion about the relative good and bad points, and how to improve the film.
Digital Writing and creating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a website or blog with a specific interest. ● Write a short film script and shoot the film with a device. ● Use software to create presentations about a family holiday or personal interest.

Year 3-6: Numeracy Strategies

Providing you child/ren with authentic numeracy based tasks at home supports children to make deep connections with numeracy concepts. No matter what your mathematical background and confidence levels are, you can be a positive influence, and role model a love of numeracy by bringing it into your everyday lives. You may be surprised by how many numeracy related activities you and your child/ren are already engaging in at home. Below are some ideas to support home numeracy learning.

Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Investigating the units of measurement for food items in your home● Cutting food items into different size fractions● Using ratios to make fruit drinks● Using clocks to calculate finish times. Eg. If the movie goes for 83 minutes, what time will it finish?● Modifying recipes for 4 people to be recipes for 6 people● Using a calendar to plan out the school holidays● Using maps to plan trips and calculate how long they will take● Going shopping and calculating 'best buys' and estimating the shopping bill● Estimating the weight of fruit and vegetables at the supermarket and calculating how much they will cost based on price per kg.
Asking questions	<p>The most important thing you can do to support your child's numeracy learning is to keep it fun, interesting and real. Always be positive about your attitude towards numeracy and ask your child lots of questions to help them explain their thinking and reasoning such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● How did you work that out?● How do you know?● Can you prove it?● Is there another way you could work it out?● Can you show me using a picture or a model?● What do you already know and what do you need to find out?