



How to support your child at home in Literacy and Numeracy

Year Foundation - 2: Literacy Strategies

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.

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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">● Read with and to your child every day.● Ask your child to tell you what the book might be about.● Talk about the title, author and illustrator.● Provide children with exposure to a variety of books such as fiction, non-fiction, atlases, dictionaries, poetry books.● Look in your own bookshelves and set up your own classroom library● Read favourite books over and over again so your child can then 'read' it to you.● Allow your child to point out any familiar words or letters on the page.● Create a collage using junk mail, old magazines or your child's drawings with a particular focus — this could include pictures of things beginning with an 's' sound or all pictures showing a particular colour.● Make your kitchen a 'cooking' zone and a 'reading' zone — use fridge magnets to make new words and short sentences, or have your child write the weekly shopping list and read names on packages.● And most importantly READ YOURSELF! Being a positive role model is important for your child.
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Keep blank paper and pencils handy at home for writing activities.● Make a scrapbook — this could be about your day, a holiday or special event, and have your child write captions for the photos and pictures.● Play word games and do crosswords to help develop spelling and vocabulary.● Keep a dictionary in an easily accessible place — show your child how it can be used for a variety of purposes and accessed while word processing on a computer.● Make the writing of letters, notes, cards or emails a daily family activity — you can write notes to your child and encourage them to write notes back to you.



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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">● Playing board games involving dice and turn taking● Planning outings and creating schedules● Using a calendar to plan family events● Reading the time on both analogue and digital clocks● Estimating and then timing how long it takes to complete tasks● Cooking using recipes and discussing the measurement tools● Setting the table● Viewing the weather reports and discussing the likelihood of it raining/being sunny● Going shopping and discussing the cost of different items
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?