



Maths in Reception 3



In Maths this half term, the children have been learning all about adding and subtracting. Here are some ideas for how you can support your children with their learning at home

Addition

Kitchen addition

There are lots of things to add up in your kitchen.

- We have 2 tins of beans and 3 tins of carrots – how many tins altogether? $2+3=5$
- I am putting 5 pieces of pasta in the pan – now I am adding 5 more. How many pieces in the pan now? $5+5=10$

Look in your fruit bowl.

- We have 4 bananas and 6 apples – how many pieces of fruit do we have altogether? $4+6=10$
- Peel a satsuma and break it in half – how many pieces do you have in your right hand? How many in your left hand? How many altogether? $_ + _ = ?$

Look in the washing machine.

- I have 4 red socks and 5 blue socks – how many socks do I have altogether? $4 + 5 = 9$
- I have put 2 scoops of powder in the drawer – I need to put in 1 more. How many will that be altogether? $2 + 1 = 3$

Subtraction

Tea time subtraction

What is on your plate at tea time? Take away as you are eating!

- How many carrots do you have on your plate? Eat 4 – how many are left? $_ - 4 = ?$
- Count the pasta shapes in your bowl. How many do you have? Eat 5 of them – how many are in the bowl now? $_ - 5 = ?$
- Cut your potato into 4 pieces – eat 2 of them. How many are left? $4 - 2 = ?$
- Wash up the spoons. How many are there? Dry 4 of them. How many are still on the drainer? $_ - 4 = ?$

Ask your child how they can use their arms to show the symbols for adding and subtracting!

Have lots of fun adding and subtracting at home!!!

