

Maths

You can help at home by:

- Singing songs that take away or add things e.g. 10 green bottles, 1 man went to mow, 5 currant buns
 - Exploit all counting opportunities - count stairs, count buttons, count lampposts on a walk, count 'red' cars on a journey etc.
 - Commercial games such as snakes and ladders - these help with the counting on strategy.
 - Throwing beanbags/balls at numbered targets and adding up scores - who scored the most? The least?
 - Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.
 - Look for numbers whilst walking or on a journey
 - Ask questions like 'if I took one away how many would I have left?' or if I add one how many have I got now?
 - Use magnetic numbers. Put them in order. Miss one out of a sequence - do they know which one is missing?
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- **Lots of counting on and back starting at different numbers not just 0**
 - **Counting on or back to add or subtract - start with the first number in your head and then count on or back from that number.**
 - **Encourage your child to talk about the maths they are doing using the language of addition and subtraction. Make sure they can read and explain number sentences.**