

How can I support my child learning at home?

Make learning together fun!

Games to play

Any board games help children with understanding rules and turn-taking. Games such as Ludo and Snakes and Ladders can help children with counting and knowing number bonds.

Memory skills are helped by playing Snap and other card memory games (Pelmanism) or Kim's games.

Skipping or games with a soft ball also help a child develop coordination skills.

Cooking

This activity will help with reading and following instructions, understanding hygiene, healthy eating, measuring, estimating and developing dexterity.

Reading

Read to your child as well as reading with your child. Visit the library together to choose books. Librarians will help you.

Art and Craft

Making things together, cutting, pasting, painting, modelling and designing are all activities that can be done at home. You don't need to buy expensive materials – pictures from magazines and catalogues can be cut and pasted to make posters, cards and collages.

Talk!

Talking and listening to each other's ideas are important tools for learning. Make time to talk about a book, something you've seen walking on the journey home, or your plans for the weekend.

Gardening

Growing plants from seeds are fun and help children learning about caring for plants and how a seed grows into a plant. You don't need a garden – a plant pot will do.