

## Practical Activities

\*Games and practical activities are motivating, build confidence and are a great opportunity to chat, build fluency, understand number and become mathematically literate. They help secure facts and move them into a child's long-term memory.

\*Personalise activities: when playing games make a narrative around the activity that fits in with a child's interests. For example, if they like cars then make the game about cars, if they like shopping making it about going to the shops.

\*Use a variety of counters and resources to make it fun and engaging. You can use buttons, beads, coins, bags to draw resources out of, playing cards, dominoes, bingo etc.

\*Maybe have a teddy/character who finds maths hard and needs help from the child

\*Always have a mini white board or some rough paper to write calculations etc on

\*For some children working against the clock makes a game more exciting. NB For some this is not appropriate and adds stress!

\*Make activities into a game. You be Messi and I'll be Ronaldo. Who is the first to three?