Tips for Early Numeracy Development

- Count things with your child so they can practice counting.
- Sing rhymes together such as 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I caught A Fish Alive & This Old Man etc.
- Cook with your child so they see simple measures and learn to count.
- Play with calculators at home and have your child add up for you.
- Talk about patterns that you notice around the house and outside.
- Recognise numbers in the environment when walking or driving around.
- Get your child to set the table, counting family members and placing cutlery etc.
- Have your child share out lollies, food etc. between people evenly.
- Play games using money with your child to help recognise coins, their amounts and totals.
- Practise saying how many there are without counting objects.
- Ask your child real problems, eg. Is there enough biscuits for everyone to have 2 each?
- Shop with your child and let them collect items for you with set money you give them.
- Count out loud going backwards and forwards, starting at different numbers.
- Talk about birth dates, months of the year and seasons with your child.
- Discuss time and help your child with reading and learning the time.
- Play games that use dice or cards to encourage your child to use maths thinking.