

## Primary Years

### How you can help a child to build numeracy skills:

Talk with them about the best deals when buying things.

Allow your child to organise their spending money or plan social events.

Ask questions like:

What time will you be home?

What is the quickest way?

Who is the leading goal scorer?

What is the price after the discount?

Does the result on the calculator look right?

Is the petrol cheaper here?

Help your child plan how much money they will need for their lunch or outings at school.

Encourage your child to plan and design things like cubby houses, furniture and vehicles to use in their games.

Ask them to check that they have the exact amount of money or receive the correct change.

### How you can help a child to build literacy skills:

Use a range of reading materials with a variety of purposes.

Play word games like Scrabble.

Take books with you in the car, to the supermarket and on outings.

Join your local library – it is free and a great source of books, magazines, videos and tapes. Check for story times, parent sessions or special programs for families. Find books that relate to your child's interests.

Make sure your child can see the pictures and discuss them.

Encourage your child to ask questions, make predictions and give opinions.

Ask "how" and "why" questions and stimulate thoughts and ideas.

Run your finger under the words sometimes as you read.

Dramatise stories with different voices, expressions and sounds.

As concentration and interest develop, try chapter books to be read over time.

Use a variety of reading materials such as photo albums, magazines and newspapers.

Discuss aspects of text such as different print types and sizes or punctuation marks.