

# A parent's guide to.....

## Mathematics – Part 2

### Rhymes and stories

Read and recite rhymes and stories with mathematical content to your children, because this will:



- Stimulate your child's imagination and help them to be able to understand mathematical concepts.
- Help them to understand difficult concepts such as time or comparing size or quantity.
- Help them to become aware of counting, without really thinking about it, and increase their sense of rhythm.
- Help them to become aware of number names and other mathematical ideas, such as sequence (order) and speed.

### Firm Favourites

Here are some popular number songs and rhymes that you can share with your child. Use your fingers and other actions to add to the fun and develop your child's understanding of number.



#### Five Currant Buns

*Five currant buns in the baker's shop,  
Big and round with a cherry on the top,  
Along came (child's name) with a penny one day,  
Bought a currant bun and took it right away.  
Four currant buns in the baker's shop.....  
Three...  
Two...  
One....*

#### Five Little Ducks

*Five little ducks went swimming one day,  
Over the hills and far away,  
Mummy duck said 'quack, quack, quack, quack,'  
But only four little ducks came back.  
Four little ducks went swimming one day....  
Three....  
Two....  
One....*

