

Literacy and Numeracy Week – activities for home

Primary literacy

Read together

Retelling a story in order is an important skill. Ask, 'What was your favourite part of the story?', 'Who was your favourite character? Why?' or 'Can you retell the story including a beginning middle and end?' 'or something similar.

Storytelling

Find interesting pictures and ask your child to create a story based on what they see. This can spark their imagination and storytelling skills.

Magazines or objects

Have your child search for pictures or objects that begin with a certain sound, are a particular colour or based on a theme.

Rhyme time

Play games where you say a word and your child has to come up with a word that rhymes with it. This can be done anywhere, like during a car ride or while waiting in line.

I spy

Play word games. For example, 'I spy with my little eye something beginning with the sound /f/. What do you think I'm looking at that starts with the letter F?'

Time to write

Encourage your child to write shopping lists, restaurant menus, birthday cards, thank you notes and instructions for making or doing everyday things.

Draw and talk

Encourage your child to write or draw about their day. This helps them practice writing regularly and reflect on their experiences. Draw pictures of favourite characters and describe them. Draw animals and label features. Draw the beginning middle and end of favourite books and movies and retell the story.

Tongue twisters

See how fast your child can say a tongue twister without making a mistake. This can be a fun and engaging way to practice speaking clearly.

Visit the library

Libraries are fantastic resources for fostering a love of reading and learning.

Other ideas

Practise letter writing with chalk on the pavement, playdough or sand trays

Primary numeracy

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Baking brownies

Discuss volume and capacity when [baking brownies](#).



Battleship

[Battleship](#) relies heavily on position and strategic thinking.



Car cricket

Play [Car cricket](#) when you are out and about.



Car trip playlist

Let the kids take control of the [car trip playlist](#) but under the condition their playlist lasts the length of the journey.



I-spy with 3D objects

Play [I-spy with 3D objects](#) where everyone looks around for different 3D objects.



Is it really a bargain?

Make the '[Is it really a bargain?](#)' activity part of your visit to the shops.



Lunchbox packing

Get your child involved in [lunchbox packing](#) using this as an opportunity to explore mass.



Mind reading magic

Learn [mind reading magic](#) tricks with your child can and amaze family and friends.



Navigate with a map

Encourage your child to [navigate with a map](#). Give them a map of a place you are visiting and have them suggest the route you take.



Paper planes

Make [paper planes](#) and throw to see which ones fly the furthest and have the longest flight length.



Sandwich fractions

[Sandwich fractions](#) is a great way to learn about fractions from an early age. Cut sandwiches in different ways to help your child explore halves.



Shopping bags

After shopping, investigate mass by determining which of the [shopping bags](#) is the lightest.



Secondary literacy

Capture a picture

Encourage your teenager to take a picture that reminds them of something to do with literacy and write a caption.

Analyse song lyrics

Talk about your teenager's favourite song and the meaning of the lyrics.

Journaling

Encourage your teenager to keep a journal where they can write about their daily experiences, thoughts, and feelings.

Book club

Encourage your teenager to join or start a book club with friends. They can choose a book to read together and then discuss it, sharing their thoughts and insights.

Creative writing prompts

Provide creative writing prompts to inspire and ignite your teenager's imagination to write stories, poems, or essays.

Reading challenge

Set up a reading challenge with specific goals, such as reading a certain number of books in a month or exploring different genres.

Family reading time

Set aside time for family reading sessions where everyone reads their own book or takes turns reading aloud. Encourage your teenager to tell you about the book they are reading, give it a review or star ratings.

Graphic novels and comics

Reading graphic novels and comics can be a great way to engage reluctant readers. If your teenager like to draw, encourage them to create additional pages for the comic or change the ending.

Podcast creation

Have your teenager create their own podcast. They can write scripts, record episodes, and edit their content.

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Budgeting

As your teenager learns to be more independent, talk about [budgeting](#). Explain how you budget and if they have a job, look at their expenses compared to what they earn.



Buying a car

If your teenager is interested in learning to drive, have them investigate costs associated with owning and [buying a car](#) such as insurance, registration, petrol, servicing and loan repayments.



Camera angles

If your teenager is interested in film, photography or selfies, the [camera angles](#) activity has tips on how to use angles and ratios to get a better shot.



Chef for the night

The [chef for the night](#) activity encourages your teenager to take charge of the next family meal and use their measuring skills.



Go for a bushwalk

[Go for a bushwalk](#) at a national park and work together to plan your path by applying knowledge of position.



Reorganise your bedroom

For teenagers interested in updating the look of their room the [reorganise your bedroom](#) activity uses measurement to work out what fits where.



Sports tactics

[Sports tactics](#) rely heavily on position. No matter what the sport, the position of the players makes a big difference to the outcome.



Tracking your activity

Use [tracking your activity](#) to find out what data from a smartphone's fitness tracker tells you.



Travel challenge

Use the [travel challenge](#) to help teenagers apply their mathematical skills and understanding.

