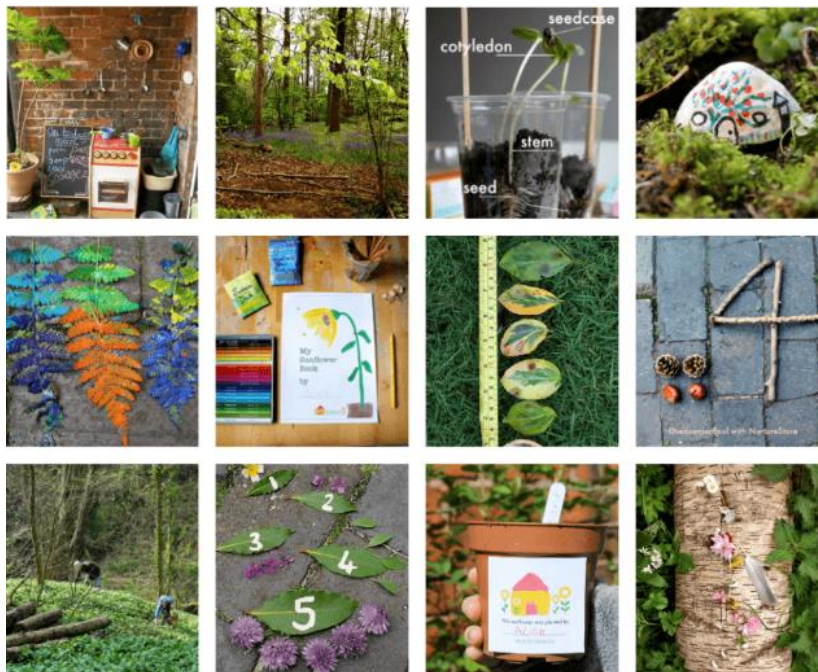




## The Acorns Guide to Supporting Early Maths at Home

### Gardening

- Counting the number of flowers, seeds and pots. Estimate how many scoops of compost are needed to fill different sized pots.
- Experience heavy and light when moving pots.
- Compare the lengths of shoots, roots, worms, leaves using comparative language: short, longer, longest



### Out and About

- Look for numbers in the environment: street signs, house numbers, buses and licence plates
- Sing counting songs on journeys in the car or on the bus.



## Shopping

- Make shopping lists: count how many items are needed or find how many there are in a pack. Are there enough for one each?
- Play shop together and use the language related to money. Make price tags together. This can start with using dots to represent amounts before introducing numeral writing.



## Set the table for dinner

- How many knives, forks, spoons, plates, cups, placemats?

## Matching pairs

- Can your child help you with the laundry by finding matching pairs of socks? This can also help with counting in 2's!



- Activities such as this are the start of visual discrimination.

## Using timers

- Use a timer when brushing teeth or to see how long it takes to complete a quick task such as putting all of the blocks back into the box.



## Cooking

- Count spoonful's and cake cases
- Compare the sizes of different spoons
- Show numbers on a scale to measure and weigh ingredients
- Make cookies in the shapes of specific numerals and add that amount of chocolate buttons. "This is the number one, so we need 1 button. This is number 2 – let's add 2 buttons." etc...



## Tidying up toys

- Sort them by size or colour or type of toy.

## Stairs

- Count the stairs as you go up and down.

