



Five things to do with under threes: developing early maths



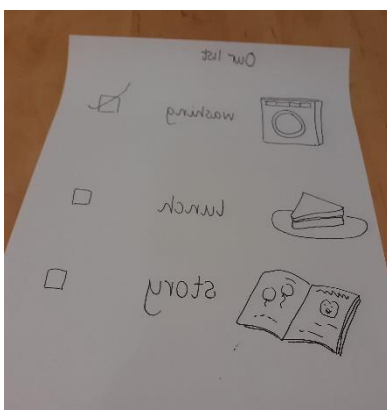
Count everyday objects as you come across them using numbers beyond five ... stairs, paving slabs, eggs in a box

Use 'big' and 'little' to compare..... chairs, shoes, boxes, teddies, trees, dogs



Notice patterns in pictures, clothes, toys and in everyday life... stripes on a t-shirt, a zebra, mown grass ... spots on pyjamas, a ladybird, a leopard, Spot the puppy.

Play hiding a toy and as you 'find' it notice where it is ... under, on top of, next to, behind, in front of.....



Talk about then write/draw a list of things that you are going to do and help your child to mark when they have been done..... put the washing in the machine, eat a sandwich, read a story... (young children are generally completely uncritical of adult drawing skills)