

Cumbria County Council

*Early Years Team*

**What can I do  
today?**



**This week it is... pasta**

## **Saturday**

### **Pasta counting and sorting**

- Pasta can be a store cupboard staple when it comes to maths as well as food!
- Use a bun tin and cake cases; draw dots or numbers in the individual cake cases and pop them into the bun tin.
- Give your child a selection of different shapes or colours of pasta and ask them to put the right number of pasta pieces into each space. Will they use the same shapes/ pieces or different ones?
- You can extend this by using bigger numbers.
- You could change this into a colour sorting activity by using or making coloured pasta (put dried pasta, food colouring and a tablespoon of white vinegar into a container with a tight lid and shake! Spread out and leave to dry)
- Mix the colours together and let your child explore and sort the pasta. Will they sort by shape or colour? Sorting is an important maths skill.