

Measures: Money – Suggestions for learning at home

Why learning about money is important

Financial literacy is an important life skill that your children will need in their lives. Teaching children about money equips them with the knowledge and skills they need to manage their money effectively now and in the future. Children who do better with money tend to have parents/carers who talk to them about money and give them responsibility for spending and saving from an early age.

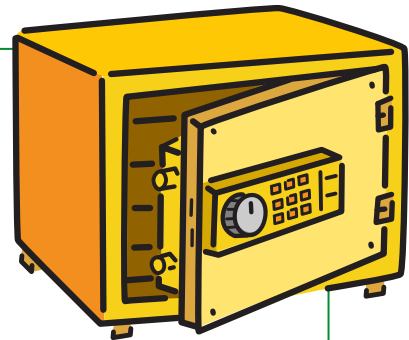
IDEAS TO SUPPORT LEARNING

- Talk to your child about what you spent money on today.
- Encourage your child to save for a small goal.
- Show and talk to your child about a bill or invoice, e.g., *phone bill, broadband etc.*
- Chat about good spending habits and saving goals.
- Share information about household costs, e.g., *travel, food, subscriptions etc.*
- Discuss sources of money and/or income.
- Involve your child in simple transactions involving coins or other payment methods.
- Look for money symbols in the environment, e.g., *on posters, in shops or at the Post Office.*
- Challenge your child to mentally estimate and calculate the cost of an activity or trip, e.g., *to the local shop.*
- Compare the cost of fuel or household items at different garages or shops.
- Ask your child to find the unit price of an item and determine which is the best value.
- Examine a receipt to determine the most expensive and least expensive item.
- Challenge your child to estimate change from a transaction.
- Involve your child in simple budgeting for upcoming events.
- Encourage your child to work with a budget.

BOOKS

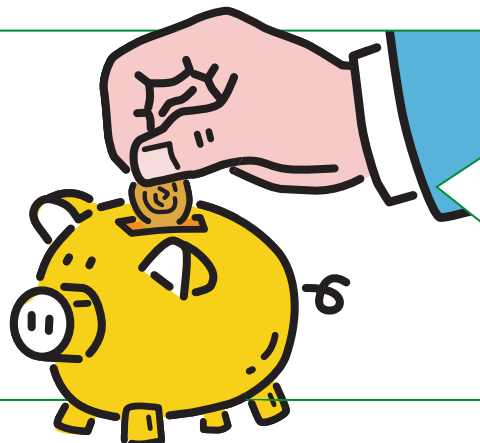
- *Spend It!*, Cinders McLeod, 4+ years
- *Give It!*, Cinders McLeod, 4+ years
- *Earn It!*, Cinders McLeod, 4+ years
- *Less Than Zero*, Stuart J. Murphy, 7+ years

**Your local library provides a wide range of free books and resources which support in developing children's mathematical learning*



GAMES / ACTIVITIES

- Create a coin caterpillar
- Playing shop
- Hold a family auction
- Money task cards
- Sorting coins into bun trays
- Money bingo
- Monopoly



LEARNING ONLINE

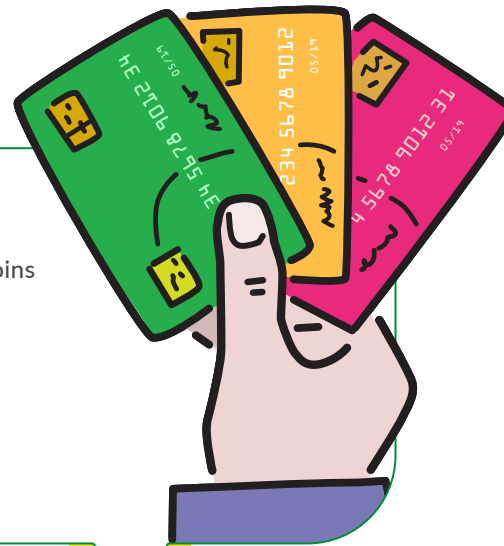
- Help My Kid Learn www.helpmykidlearn.ie
- Scoilnet www.scoilnet.ie/primary/theme-pages/mathematics/
- Maths Week Ireland Parents' Zone www.mathsweek.ie
- Maths Eyes <https://haveyogotmathseyes.com/>

Useful terms to search online: money, measures, learning, primary, maths, euro, cent, value, budget, currency, exchange, tax, games, activities



ARTS AND CRAFTS

- Design / paint a savings jar
- Make a collage or frame using old coins
- Coin rubbings
- Shining coins with vinegar
- Design your own credit card
- Create a 'for sale' poster
- Collage of foreign currencies



YOUR OWN IDEAS