

# Wall Space

## How to use small change to help your child develop number knowledge.

At the beginning of this term, I assessed where some students were at with their counting. One activity involved counting coins. I asked each student whether they handled money at home. The students who were able to accurately count the coins regularly count money at home.

I thought this was worth sharing along with some ideas that I have listed below.



- Practise skip counting in 2s, 5s, 10s. This skill makes counting money so much easier.
- Discuss what is featured on each side of different coins.
- Start small by handling money and discussing how much each coin is worth and which coin is worth the most or least.
- Combine coins e.g. 2 five cent coins have the same value as 1 ten cent coin.
- Handle small amounts of coins and practise counting the coins.
- Increase the coin value and number of coins as your child gains confidence in counting money.
- Discuss how much more would be needed to make another amount e.g. the nearest \$2.00.

*Children learn about money through handling money.*

*Introduce Pocket Money.*



*Make the activities fun.*

*Play Monopoly.*