18 Money

This activity will help your child become familiar with UK coins and notes, and with the idea that amounts of money can be added together as numbers.

Important words and phrases:

- money
- pence
- pounds
- 1p/2p/5p/10p/20p/50p/£1/£2 coin
- £5/£10/£20/£50 note
- How much is that altogether?

You will need:

- Activity sheet 8
- coins and notes (either play money or real)
- colouring pencils or pens
- purse (optional)

What to do:

- Look at the different coins and notes. Help your child to identify each one. Ask, for example:
  - *"What is this coin? What is this note?"*
  - *"Which of these is a 5p coin? Which is a 20p coin?"*
- Practise making a set of coins and working out the amount with your child. Say, for example: *"Find a 5p coin. Find two 20p coins. How much money is that altogether?"*
- Ask your child to make a set of coins totalling a particular amount (up to £1). Choose an amount that can be made with the coins you have. If you have one, you could ask your child to put the amount of money in a purse for you to check.
- Ask them to think about whether there are different ways of making the amount with the coins you have.
- Repeat this activity with different numbers, asking your child to make particular amounts of money and find different ways of making them with the coins you have.
- Once your child is working confidently, you can ask questions like these:
  - *"What is the smallest number of coins that you need to make 57p?"*
  - *"Put in 10p more. How much money is in the group now? How much will there be if we put in another 10p?"*

Talk about:

Use everyday opportunities to practise working out amounts of money with your child. For example, ask your child:

- to tell you how much money is in your hand, purse, wallet or pocket
- what coins or notes you can pay with, to pay exactly
- to count your change.