

Class Atlantis Maths: we are learning about shape this term.

Introducing rectangles

Some examples of rectangles that you may find around the house are books, windows, doors, bank notes, envelopes, birthday cards and blocks from construction kits. You could show your child one example of a rectangle, encouraging them to touch the straight edges and the corners and naming it for them “rectangle”, and see if you can find more rectangles around the house together.

Here are some follow-up ideas:

- Have a snack made up of rectangles- for example toast and cheese cut into rectangles, biscuits such as bourbons, or make your own pizza or shortbread and cut into rectangles to serve.
- Look for rectangles on your daily walk.
- Using home-made or bought playdough, make rectangles (*recipe below).
- Outdoors, use chalk to draw rectangular tracks or roads for toy vehicles to follow. Indoors you can use masking tape.



*Microwave playdough

2 cups plain flour
2 cups salt
2 cups cold water
2 tbsp oil
4 tsp cream of tartar

Put all ingredients into a bowl.

Microwave for 2 mins and stir well.

Repeat.

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When it all sticks together it is ready (approximately 6 mins).

