

Y1 Maths Everywhere – How big is my hug?

Give your child a big hug and say, 'I wonder how big a hug is.'

Outstretch your arms and ask your child to decide how to measure your arm span from finger tip to finger tip.

They can choose what to measure it with e.g. handspans, bricks made into towers, cushion widths and a tape measure.

"Wow, my hug is five cushion widths, forty brick heights and 123cm."

Help them to cut a piece of string that is the size of their hug.

They measure their hugs with different items.

Let them know that as they grow their hugs will get even bigger.

Ask: *"What else shall we measure?"*

Support them to measure other parts of their body e.g. handspan (*Can we use cushion widths to measure that, or shall we try pasta shells? Why?*)

