Activity:

This fun activity can be used to introduce pupils to shopping and exchanging money for an item. This can be mastered in any kitchen area and real fruit and vegetables are a great way of bringing learning in a shop environment to life!

Set up a Fruit and Vegetable Shop using different kinds of fruit and vegetables, including frozen items. Line up food items (or use small bowls for frozen items) and place labels with various prices up to 5p on each fruit and vegetable. This activity can be linked to healthy break/snack or preparation as part of a snack/meal, e.g. your child may want to make a smoothie with a banana, strawberries, an orange and an apple.

You can even charge 5p for a plastic bag!
Role play:

Your child can play shopper and you can be the shopkeeper. Your child chooses one item to buy at a time and exchanges pennies from their purse/bag. Ask your child to hand these to you in exchange for the food they want. This is repeated for further items. Your child can also involve other members of the family by buying on their behalf.

When your child is confident at exchanging money for the item, you can reverse roles - you can become the shopper and your child is now the shopkeeper. The role of your child is to check that you have given them correct coins to purchase an item.

Extension: It might be a good idea to give the wrong amount of money occasionally to check understanding or make the cost of fruit or vegetables greater than 5p, depending on your child’s ability.

Resources required:

Labels (See Resource 1)

1 freezer bag/purse

Recipe/smoothie ideas (See Resource 2)

1 small plastic container as a till

Reusable shopping bag or box

A variety of fruit and vegetables

20 x 1p coins and Money page (See Resource 3). Real money is preferred.

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Resource 1:

1p  2p

3p  4p

5p

Cash Till
Resource 2:

Ideas to make with real fruit:

**Fruit Smoothie Recipe:**

8 hulled strawberries
1 banana
1 apple peeled and cored
1 tsp honey
400ml milk.
4 ice cubes

Method:

Put all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth. Pour into glasses and serve.

Alternative – Add ice-cream to make a milkshake!
Resource 3: