

Mathematics

This week we would like the children to focus on the following skill:

- **Show an interest in numbers in the environment.**

Just like last week, instead of going on a Shape Hunt you could go on a Number Hunt. As you look around your house, or on your daily walk, you could try to find shapes in the environment.



Ask questions throughout, such as 'how many numbers can you see?' or 'what does the number mean?' Encourage your child to use words related to number, such as 'more', 'less', 'higher' and 'lower'.



As well as going on a number hunt, you could mould playdough into numerals/amounts to help your child understand the value of a number, as well as teaching them the numeral. It will also help establish their fine motor skills, by developing their finger muscles.

If you want to make your own playdough, here's the recipe we use:

Playdough Recipe

Makes 1 coloured ball

Prep 10 minutes

You will need:

- 8 tbsp plain flour
- 2 tbsp table salt
- 60ml warm water
- food colouring
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and the oil.
2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.
3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If you want a more intense colour you can work in a few extra drops of food colouring.
4. Store in a plastic sandwich bag (squeeze out the air) in the fridge to keep it fresh.



As the weather at the moment is on the dry side, you can practise mark-making with water! You'll need a paint brush/old tooth brush and a cup of water. Find a space that has a hard surface and practise recording numbers/tally charts/numerals with water! Children usually love this activity.

You could also create numerals from objects you find from your daily walk, such as pine cones, leaves, petals, grass, etc.



Links for counting with children online

Here are some songs/links to help your child count to 10 and beyond...

- [10 Little Numbers](#)
- [Once I Caught A Fish Alive](#)
- [One, Two Buckle My Shoe](#)
- [Counting to 20 - The Singing Walrus](#)
- [Counting to 20 - The Count \(Sesame Street\)](#)
- [Cbeebies Numberblocks 1-10 Songs](#)

Games

- [Ladybird Counting to 10](#)
- [Teddy Bear Counting to 10](#)
- [Under The Sea Counting to 10](#)

Enjoy playing the games and activities!

