

Number Awareness

Children should be able to count objects up to (and sometimes larger than) 10 by the time they come to school.

Play is important in the development of children's number awareness. They can learn about basic numbers, shapes and patterns through stories, song and games.

Here are some useful activities for you to play with your child:

- Let your child help to set the table - "one fork for peter, one fork for me, one fork..." etc.
- Play simple games e.g. snap, dominoes etc.
- Counting rhymes can be sung together e.g. "Ten green bottles.., Five currant buns in a baker's shop..." *One, two, three, four, five"*
- Be aware of language of number when you talk to your child e.g. big, bigger, biggest; behind, in front, beside; before, after; top, bottom etc.
- Let your child help you put the shopping away, put things in pairs, sort out toys etc.

