

Counting and Numeracy Ideas

Some quick and simple counting exercises to do at home over the coming weeks.

1 - Roll a dice and show the correct number of fingers

2 - Count out ten toys onto ten number cards. Move onto higher numbers if you wish to extend.

3 - Directional language. Hold a puppet or a toy and ask your child to direct the puppet to the chair for example. You move the puppet according to what your child says. Use the words 'left and right'. You could also incorporate numbers into these instructions such as 'the puppet should jump three times to the right'

4 - Play 'Simon says...' use words such as jump 4 times, go to the left or to the right, stand up tall, bend down small.

5 - stick pictures with glue or blue tac to a piece of paper ask your child to count them as they stick them. Touch each one as they check that they have the correct number.

6 - Fill a jug, teapot or even an empty fizzy pop bottle with water. Give your child some plastic cups or empty yogurt pots and ask your child to pour the water into each one. Use the language of full, empty or half full. Ask your child to count the number of cups that they have filled. Ask them what number is next? How many more cups would they need to finish emptying the vessel? Good fun to do outside on a hot day or at bath time.

7 - Count to 100! Ask your child to think of the biggest number they can think of. Write it and see what it looks like compared to their age and your age. For example your child may be 4 it has one digit. Your age may be 34 it has two digits. The biggest number your child can think of is 100, it has three digits