

Counting and recognising numbers

Number lines are a great way to promote counting, number recognition and develop true understanding of the number system (what each numeral means)

You will need

Paper

Pens

A toy (could be a goat like in the story)

What to do:

1. Begin by making a number line. Write a number on each piece of paper and place it in order going from left to right. Start with 1-3 if your child is new to counting and numbers. Extend 0-5, then 0-10.
2. Then ask the children to place their toy at the beginning of the number line and move it along for each number they say.
3. This can also be done by drawing a large number line outside and getting your child to jump from one number to the next-counting as they do.

To extend this:

- Ask the child to place the same number of toys/ bricks next to each number
- You could make the number line 0-15/ 0-20.
- Count forwards and backwards.
- Ask the children to help put the numbers in order.
- Talk about a number that is one more/ one less
- Ask your child to close their eyes- remove a number and see if they know what number is missing.
- Get your child to make the number cards- writing the numbers and decorating them for use with other games.

