| Pre Nursery - Mathematics |  |  |  | Activities and Opportunities |
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|  | What we are learning | What a child might be doing | Vocabulary: |  |
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|  | Counting <br> Begin to recite numbers up to 3. <br> Begin to say one number for each item in order: 1, 2 , 3 | Verbally counts to 3 <br> Points or touches (tags each item) saying one number for each item. <br> Use the stable order of 1, 2, 3 | One, two, three | - How many play people are in the sandpit? How many cars have we got in the garage? |
|  | Mark Making Experiment with their own symbols and marks. | Explores using a range of their own marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings. | One, two, three, lines, dots |  |
|  | Shape <br> Explore a variety of shapes and begin to use shapes appropriately for their purpose | Chooses shapes which are appropriate for the child's purpose. | Flat, pointy, rolly, brick, round | Children need opportunities to construct and create |
|  | Numerals Begin to recognise numbers up to 3 . |  | One, two, three, | Children need opportunities to have a range of number symbols available, e.g. wooden numerals, calculators, handwritten (include different examples of a number e.g. (4) 444 <br> - Using numeral dice in games |


|  |  |  | - Exploring and looking at number books |
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| Positional <br> Language <br> Understand some positional language. | Responds to language of position and direction | In, on, up, down, under | - Hunting for hidden objects, with some prompts, e.g. "look behind the bicycle store, take 3 steps from the front of the art cupboard ..." |
| Pattern <br> Talk about the patterns around them. | Talk about spatial patterns. | Stripes on clothes, design on rugs, displays, <br> Pointy, spotty, blobs | - Building towers or trains of different coloured cubes <br> - Accessing a range of patterns to copy <br> - Collecting things outside: leaf, stick, leaf, stick |
| Measure Explore objects of varying sizes. | Find bigger and smaller items. | Bigger/smaller | - Encouraging children to compare different attributes in everyday situations e.g. "I wonder who has the biggest apple?" <br> - "Please can you pass me a ... that is bigger/smaller than this one?" |
| Comparing <br> Quantities and <br> Numbers <br> Comparing numbers | Identifies the "first" and often "second" objects in a sequence. | First, second | - Counting activities |


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|  | Shape <br> Explore a variety of shapes and creates shape pictures. | Makes pictures in which each shape represents a unique role and shapes touch. | Shape names | - Creates shape pictures |
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|  | Positional Language Begin to understand | Responds to language of position and direction | In, on, up, down, under | Developing and talking about small-world scenarios, e.g. |



