Pre	Nursery – Math			
Term	What we are learning	What a child might be doing	Vocabulary:	Activities and Opportunities
Spring	Baseline Counting Begin to recite numbers up to 3. Begin to say one number for each item in order: 1, 2, 3	Verbally counts to 3 Points or touches (tags each item) saying one number for each item. 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 Explore a variety of shapes and begin to use shapes appropriately for their purpose Numerals	Chooses	Flat, pointy, rolly, brick, round One, two, three,	Children need opportunities to construct and create Children need
	Begin to recognise numbers up to 3.		one, two, three,	opportunities to have a range of number symbols available, e.g. wooden numerals, calculators, handwritten (include different examples of a number e.g. 4 4 4 4 • Using numeral dice in games

			 Exploring and looking at number books
Positional Language 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 Talk about the patterns around them.	Talk about spatial patterns.	Stripes on clothes, design on rugs, displays,	 Building towers or trains of different coloured cubes Accessing a
		Pointy, spotty, blobs	range of patterns to copy 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?" "Please can you pass me a that is bigger/smaller than this one?"
Comparing Quantities and Numbers Comparing numbers	Identifies the "first" and often "second" objects in a sequence.	First, second	 Counting activities

	Counting	Verbally	One, two, three	• How many play
Summer	Reciting numbers up to 3. Say one number for each item in order: 1, 2, 3	Points or touches (tags each item) saying one number for each item. Use the stable order of 1, 2, 3	one, two, times	 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 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
	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 4 4 4 • Using numeral dice in games Exploring and looking at number books
	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.

position through words alone				doll's house, miniature village, play park
Pattern Explore and extend ABAB patterns e.g. stick, leaf, stick, leaf		Repeating, the same again, different, one after the other, right/wrong, in a line	•	Include lots of pattern making opportunities e.g. outdoors, in craft activities and with musical instruments
Measure Explore objects of varying length.	Find longer and shorter items.	Longer/ shorter	•	Cutting a piece of ribbon as long as a child's arm and encouraging them to find things in the environment that are longer/shorter or the same length Can you find things that are longer/shorter than you?
Comparing Quantities and Numbers	Explore collections of objects up to 3	Same, different	•	Counting activities