

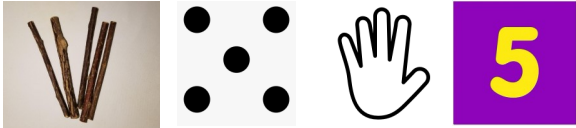

Nursery Maths Grid

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Number

Shape

Measures

<p>Number Blocks on Cbeebies is great for understanding number and counting, the link below has some good tips on. As we only cover numbers 1-10 in Nursery, try to avoid episodes with higher numbers, and addition and subtraction in as these might cause confusion!</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/joinin/numberblocks-help-your-child-with-maths</p>	<p>There are lots of fantastic shape videos and songs on YouTube, these two are great, and could be listened to before your shape hunt or shape activities.</p> <p>Pancake Manor shape song - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsR0h50BiFQ</p> <p>Cbeebies Shape song—https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dsR0h50BiFQ</p>	<p>Capacity—great for bath time or in a water tray/washing up bowl in garden! Give your child a range of containers, eg pots/pans/plastic tubs/plastic cups. Let them explore by filling them and pouring them from container to container. Encourage them to use language like “Full” “Half Full” “Empty”. You can also discuss the size of the containers using language like “Big” “Small” “Biggest” “smallest”.</p>
<p>Practise representing numbers. In Nursery, this can be done by holding up certain amounts of fingers, drawing lines or dots to represent an amount, or having a go at copying or writing the number. This can be done using chalk, natural objects or anything around your home!</p> 	<p>Shape Pictures Cut lots of shapes out of coloured paper, or coloured pages in an old magazine. (squares, triangles, rectangles, circles) in a variety of sizes. Muddle them all up, can your child sort them onto 4 plates for each shape? When they are sorted, create a shape picture together, this can be anything, but house/robot/animals/rocket are nice and easy. Save the left over shapes for another day.</p>	<p>Cooking. Getting the children to help with any kind of cooking or food prep is great fun and has lots of measuring/number opportunities. We would have been making Easter nest cakes at Nursery this week, so if you can get the ingredients have a go at home. All you need is shredded wheat, chocolate to melt, and golden syrup if you have an extra sweet tooth. (If you add mini eggs on top, we advise cutting them in half first)</p>
<p>Matching numerals and amounts. See if your children recognises numbers 1-10 (or higher numbers if they are confident with 1-10 already) Write the numbers on seperate pieces of paper. Can they go and get right amount of toys/lego/leaves etc to put on each number? Can they then represent that number in a different way, from the suggestions above?</p>	<p>Go on a shape hunt, in your home, garden, or out and about on your daily exercise/walk. In Nursery, the children don't have to use the correct shape names, but we know lots of them can name simple shapes already! You could challenge them to find 5 of each shape.</p> 	<p>Measuring in Nursery we measure using non-standard measures. You could line up some teddies or items, and see how many Lego blocks tall or long they are. Draw around your hand, and your child's hand, how many bricks long is your hand? Your child's hand? If you don't have any lego, you could use pegs, spoons—anything!</p>

Nursery Reading and Writing Grid

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Reading

Writing

Fine motor Skills

<p>Reading Dens—Create a den either inside or outside using a sheet (or any material), take a cushion and blanket inside to share favourite stories. You could also add torches and teddies!</p>	<p>Name Writing this can be done in so many fun, creative ways, as well as sitting down and using paper and pen. Try using paint, chalk (if you have them at home) or another great way is water and paintbrush on a patio/driveway. If your child can write their name already, you could encourage them to use cursive script.</p>	<p>Pegs are great for fine motor skills and strengthening muscles in the fingers and hands. Set up a mini washing line using string, can they peg pairs of socks? Can they put pegs all around a paper plate or</p>
<p>Understanding that print carries meaning. This is something we would have been covering in Nursery, when you are reading, ask your child to tell you where the words are. Do they know that in English print is read left to right, top to bottom? When you are reading, trace your fingers over the words as you read to demonstrate. When you are out and about, you can spot words (shop windows, road signs, newspapers) and talk about how those words are ‘telling you something’.</p>	<p>Easter Cards We would have been writing Easter cards to our family this week. (see creative grid for front of card suggestions). Inside your card, your child can have a go at tracing ‘To my family’ ‘Love from’ and then writing their name at the bottom either by tracing, copying their name or writing it from memory. If you are feeling adventurous—write a few cards to post to Grandparents or cousins!</p>	<p>Threading is great you hand eye-coordination and fine motor skills, so if you have string/wool and pasta tubes (if you can spare any!!) you could make some bracelets to wear.</p>
<p>Retelling familiar stories. Get your child to pick their favourite story or fairytale, read it together and then create activities around the story. For example, you could have a ‘Three Pigs’ day. You could draw/colour pigs, wolves and houses, build houses for toys using different items and see if you can blow them down. Repeat ‘I’ll huff and I’ll puff’ etc. and Watch different versions of the story on Cbeebies/You tube. (please make sure you watch and youtube stories on your own first to check they are suitable).</p>	<p>A lot of children are not too keen on writing at this age, please don’t worry if your child does not want to sit and hold a pen or do writing activities...do something that interests them instead!</p>	<p>Phonics We mainly concentrate on the initial sounds of words in Nursery, gather items in a bag that all begin with the same letter, except one item. Eg a sock, spoon, spatula and a cuddly cat. Which is the odd one out? Can they fins anything else that begins with ‘s’? Around the house?</p>

Nursery Creative/World/Physical Grid

Creative

World/Science

Physical

<p>Decorating Eggs—You could draw an egg shape with dotted zig zags and lines on for your child to trace then colour.</p> <p>You could help them to cut egg shapes out, then use them for a hunt around the house.</p> <p>For adventurous people—You could decorate an actual egg, see online how to empty it and get inspiration for decorating.</p>	<p>RE Watch the ‘Let’s celebrate’ Easter video collection on Cbeebies. In Nursery, we usually discuss how some people celebrate Easter and think about Jesus coming back to life, but we are cautious about showing them stories online about the Easter story as they are not usually suitable for Nursery age children. You could also discuss the different celebrations you have at home throughout the year.</p>	<p>Practising independence while at home is a great idea. Encourage your child to put their own coat on, have a go at zipping coats up and putting own shoes/wellies on. They can also have a go at putting their own clothes on, and seeing as we aren’t going out much they could pick their own outfits (The weirder and more clashing the better!!)</p>
<p>Easter craft for Easter Cards</p> <p>There are so many amazing ideas for Easter craft and cards online, but just think about what you have at home, or can get. Pinterest have great (but sometimes a little extravagant) ideas!</p> <p>Anything with bunnies, chicks, eggs, or if you celebrate Easter religiously, perhaps a cross.</p>	<p>Technology—Depending on what you have available at home, explain to children that we can use technology for lots of different things. Can they operate toys/remotes with buttons?</p> <p>One area we would have been covering in Nursery was to ‘Understand that information can be retrieved from computers’. Perhaps use a computer/tablet/smart phone at home to find facts out about</p>	<p>Obstacle courses These are great fun indoors and outdoors, use whatever you have handy to create a course for you and your child to do, think about objects you can safely go under, on top of, underneath and around.</p>
<p>Creative ideas and activities are lots of fun, but remember that everyone will have different resources at home, so use whatever you have or can get hold of to get messy and make with!</p>	<p>Science experiment</p> <p>We saw a great simple experiment online to explain germs to the children, but sadly did not get chance to do it in Nursery. If you search for ‘Tom Fletcher germ experiment’ on Youtube, you can see how using pepper, water and handwash makes a fun activity!</p>	<p>Throwing and catching, and aiming.</p> <p>We have been concentrating on these in our PE lessons. You can practise with anything, (Within reason!) eg a ball, a teddy. Can you child aim and throw a toy into a hoop/circle? Move the circle further away to make it trickier.</p>