



Magic Four

- To practise writing numbers in words.
- Each child to write a number up to 10 000 in words.
- Then count the number of letters in their written number and then write that number in words.
 - Repeat doing this to see what happens.
 - Does this happen for any number?
 - Children to try this for at least three different numbers.
 - Can the children explain why this is?
- For example:
 - 9427 written nine thousand four hundred and twenty seven - 37 letters
 - thirty seven - 11 letters
 - eleven - 6 letters
 - six - 3 letters
 - three - 5 letters
 - five - 4 letters
 - four - 4 letters
 - four
- **NB Explanation:**
 - **four** is the only number with the same number of letters as its name