



Mastering Number

Reception Overview

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Pupils will build on previous experiences of number from their home and nursery environments, and further develop their subitising and counting skills. They will explore the composition of numbers within 5. They will begin to compare sets of objects and use the language of comparison.	Pupils will continue to develop their subitising and counting skills and explore the composition of numbers within and beyond 5. They will begin to identify when two sets are equal or unequal and connect two equal groups to doubles. They will begin to connect quantities to numerals.	Pupils will consolidate their counting skills, counting to larger numbers and developing a wider range of counting strategies. They will secure knowledge of number facts through varied practice.
 Pupils will: identify when a set can be subitised and when counting is needed subitise different arrangements, both unstructured and structured, including using the Hungarian number frame 	 Pupils will: continue to develop their subitising skills for numbers within and beyond 5, and increasingly connect quantities to numerals begin to identify missing parts for numbers within 5 	 continue to develop their counting skills, counting larger sets as well as counting actions and sounds explore a range of representations of numbers, including the 10-frame, and see how doubles can be arranged in a 10-frame
 make different arrangements of numbers within 5 and talk about what they can see, to develop their conceptual subitising skills spot smaller numbers 'hiding' inside larger numbers 	 explore the structure of the numbers 6 and 7 as '5 and a bit' and connect this to finger patterns and the Hungarian number frame focus on equal and unequal groups when comparing numbers 	 compare quantities and numbers, including sets of objects which have different attributes continue to develop a sense of magnitude, e.g. knowing that 8 is quite a lot more than 2, but 4 is only a little bit more than 2

•	connect quantities and numbers to finger patterns and explore different ways of representing numbers on their fingers	 understand that two equal groups can be called a 'double' and connect this to finger patterns begin to generalise about 'one more than' and 'one less than' numbers within 10
•	hear and join in with the counting sequence, and connect this to the 'staircase' pattern of the counting numbers, seeing that each number is made of one more than the previous number	 sort odd and even numbers according to their 'shape' continue to develop their understanding of the counting sequence and link cardinality and ordinality through the 'staircase' pattern continue to identify when sets can be subitised and when counting is necessary develop conceptual subitising skills including when using a rekenrek
•	develop counting skills and knowledge, including: that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' (cardinality); to be accurate in counting, each thing must be counted once and once only and in any order; the need for 1:1 correspondence; understanding that anything can be counted, including actions and sounds	 order numbers and play track games join in with verbal counts beyond 20, hearing the repeated pattern within the counting numbers
•	compare sets of objects by matching	
•	begin to develop the language of 'whole' when talking about objects which have parts	

Term 1 Shape and Space	Term 2 - Patterns	Term 3 - Measure
Circles and triangles	Exploring pattern	Compare amounts
Positional language	Count patterns beyond 10	Compare size, mass & capacity
Shapes with 4 sides	Deepening understanding	Time
3-D shapes	Patterns & relationships	Length & height
Spatial awareness		
Visualise and build		
Positional language		
Match, rotate, manipulate		