



Maths and Numeracy Activities

There are three number activities to work on: **1. Learning all about the Number 8**, **2. Ordinal Numbers** and **3. Singing number songs**.

1. Number 8

We are looking at number 8. Help your child to recognise number 8 by pointing it out whenever you see it every day:

- Ask your child if they can see a number 8 anywhere
- In the garden/on your walk, ask them to find you or point to 8 blades of grass, 8 stones and 8 houses
- At home, ask them to find you 8 blocks/lego bricks the same colour and 8 toys of different sizes
- Have a look through this PowerPoint together for more number 8 ideas to try!

*Click on the picture to open
the **PowerPoint**:*



*(Choose 'slideshow' to view it
and be able to interact with the
questions)*

*Here is the same file in **pdf**, in case you can't access PowerPoint:*



2. Ordinal Numbers

This week we will be learning all about **Ordinal Numbers**. Ordinal numbers tell us an item's position in a list, for example: first, second, third, fourth etc. We use ordinal numbers to order and position items and numbers. It could be to say which place someone came in a race or to recite numbers. We use ordinal numbers in class when we line up for dinner time. We often ask, who is first, second, last etc.

In nursery we focus on First, Second, Third and Last.

Activity 1: Ordinal Number Toy Activity

Go on a hunt around your house and find five of your favourite toys. Put them in a row on the floor.

Can you point to the first toy?

Can you point to the second toy?

Can you point to the third toy?

Can you point to the last toy?

Parents: Repeat the questions above and change the ordinal number you ask. If your child is finding it a little tricky to start, remove some toys and simplify it down to 3 toys for example. *Make sure your child clearly understands first and last before moving on to more ordinal numbers.*

Extension: If your child is confident with first, second and last you could move onto more ordinal numbers like second, third etc.

3. Number songs

As always, please try to sing some number songs every day with your child to help them learn to count and to recognise numbers and to help them with other maths skills like learning the days of the week and the names of shapes.

In Nursery, we are working on 'rote counting' up to 10 and back down again (reciting numbers 1-10 and reciting down 10-1) and counting out up to 5 objects from a set. We are learning to recognise number 1-5 and to put them in the correct order. We are also learning to recite the days of the week and to recognise 2D shapes.

Here are some of our favourite number and maths songs:

Days of the Week Songs:

[Addams Family Days of the Week](#)

[7 days are in the week](#)

[Singing Walrus Days of the Week](#)

Shape Songs:

[Gentle Shapes Song](#)

[Kids TV Shapes Song](#)

Counting Songs:

[Teddy Bear Counting to 10](#)

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5, tra la la la la!](#)

[Funky 1-10 song](#)

[1, 2, 3, 4, 5 once I caught a fish alive](#)

[Zero, zero, superhero](#)

[5 currant buns](#)

[5 little speckled frogs](#)

[I can count to 10](#)

[5 little monkeys](#)