

Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home – Number ???

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Number Spotting!

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Numbers are all around us – everywhere! By encouraging your child to explore numbers you can help them with their counting, sequencing and ordering skills as well as supporting the development of their understanding that numbers can represent amounts.

What do I need?

- Any resources in your environment which give a visual representation of a number e.g. clocks, coins, packages, car and bus registrations etc
- Objects for counting e.g. stones, food items, toy cars etc

What will your child learn from this play?

- What numbers look like
- The order of numbers
- That numbers represent amounts
- That we use numbers to help us in our everyday lives

What do we do?

- **Play number spotting games** at home or at the shops and look for numbers on packages, clocks, coins, buses and car registrations
- **Count real objects** as you go about your daily routine such cups, socks, shoes, packets. As your child becomes confident in doing this, begin to add and take away. For example 'If I add 3, how many will I have?'
- **Count out loud** with your child during everyday activities such as cooking, baking or setting the table – counting forwards and backwards builds confidence in number order.

How can you take it further?

- Have fun with numbers and **make sequences and patterns** together, grouping items into 2s, 5s or 10s.
- Use words such as first, second or third to help your child **understand and describe the of order of things**. For example 'Who will be first to be dressed for going out or who will be second?'