

## Numeracy

We are learning to work out how many items there are altogether. Here are a few fun suggestions for supporting your child in their learning of simple addition strategies:

1. Watch 'Numberblocks- Learn to Add and Subtract':  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OKPT5EaXUcA>
2. Topmarks Addition Game:  
<https://www.starfall.com/h/addsub/add-machine-1/?sn=math1--math0>
3. 'Reading the Signs'

# Reading the signs

Adding and taking away

**What you need:**

- Sticky notes
- Three shallow bowls
- Cubes or similar items for counting

**What's in it for the children?**

This offers a practical opportunity to create, read, interpret and solve an equation using the signs. This activity assumes knowledge of each sign and experience of addition and subtraction.

**Taking it forward**

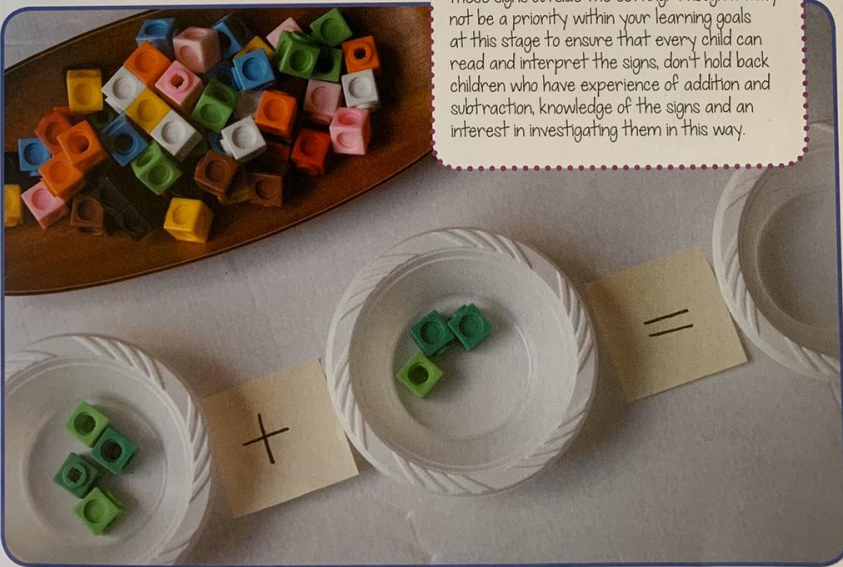
- Encourage the children to create their own plus, minus and equals sticky notes.
- Provide materials to enable the children to record some of their number sentences.

**What to do:**

1. Take three sticky notes; mark them with an addition, subtraction and equals sign.
2. Set out the three bowls in a row, allowing space between for the sticky notes.
3. Demonstrate the activity to the children.
4. Choose either addition or subtraction. Place a number of cubes into each bowl; add corresponding sticky notes, and read the number sentence with the children.
5. Talk with the children as you move cubes accordingly and work out the solution, adding cubes to the final bowl to complete the number sentence.
6. Re-read the completed number sentence. Repeat for different examples.
7. Invite the children to explore the activity independently.

**Top tip** ★

Often children will have been introduced to these signs outside the setting. Though it may not be a priority within your learning goals at this stage to ensure that every child can read and interpret the signs, don't hold back children who have experience of addition and subtraction, knowledge of the signs and an interest in investigating them in this way.



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## Maths: Time

- I know that a clock face has a long and short hand.
- I know that the short hand shows the hours and the long hand shows the minutes.

Repetition is key... choose one of these songs to encourage your child to name the days of the week in sequence, know the months of the year and talk about the features of the four seasons in relevant contexts.

- **Days of the Week Song**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXMofxtDPUQ>

- **Months of the Year:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fe9bnYRzFvk>

- **Seasons of the Year**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Zjpl6fgYSY>

### Clock Face Fun!

Choose an interactive way to practise putting the long/short hands and numbers 1-12 into their correct positions on an analogue clock. Can your child design their own clock face using different materials/resources?



Or create a homemade watch to help your child practise telling the time using these simple craft instructions:

<https://nurturestore.co.uk/learn-to-tell-the-time-clock-craft>

