

Ideas to support your child's early maths skills at home

- Help your child to develop a firm grasp of counting before formally introducing the symbols of number (the digits).
- One to one correspondence principle - in the early stage of learning to count, get your child to tag or move each item as it is counted.
- Singing/reciting nursery rhymes, practice counting a variety of everyday object in different ways. Reinforce that counting sequence stays consistent. It is always 1. 2. 3. 4. Count numbers out of order and get your child to spot your mistakes.
- Cardinality Principle - Keep modelling that the last count of a group of objects represents how many are in the group. E.g. There are 1. 2. 3. 4. spoons. There are 4 spoons.
- Get your child to count everything! This teaches them that anything can be counted!
- Count object from left to right, right to left, in a random order. Recount real objects that can be touched starting from different positions.
- Play subitizing games with stones, buttons, etc
- Ask your child to tell how how different numbers are made (composed). For example: 6 is 6 and 0, 5 and 1, 4 and 2, 3 and 3, etc
- Watch and discuss NumberBlocks with your child.
- Practise half termly BFFs with your child.
- Make maths part of your daily routine and spots maths in their environment.

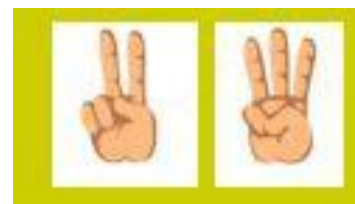
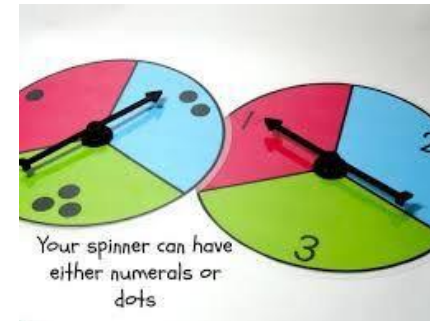
Books to support your child's early maths skills at home

- Ten black dots
- Anno's counting book
- Over in the river
- My granny went to the market - a round the world counting book
- One big building.
- How many legs
- Which one doesn't belong
- One is a snail ten is a crab
- Baby goes to the market
- Patter Fish
- We're going on a bear hunt

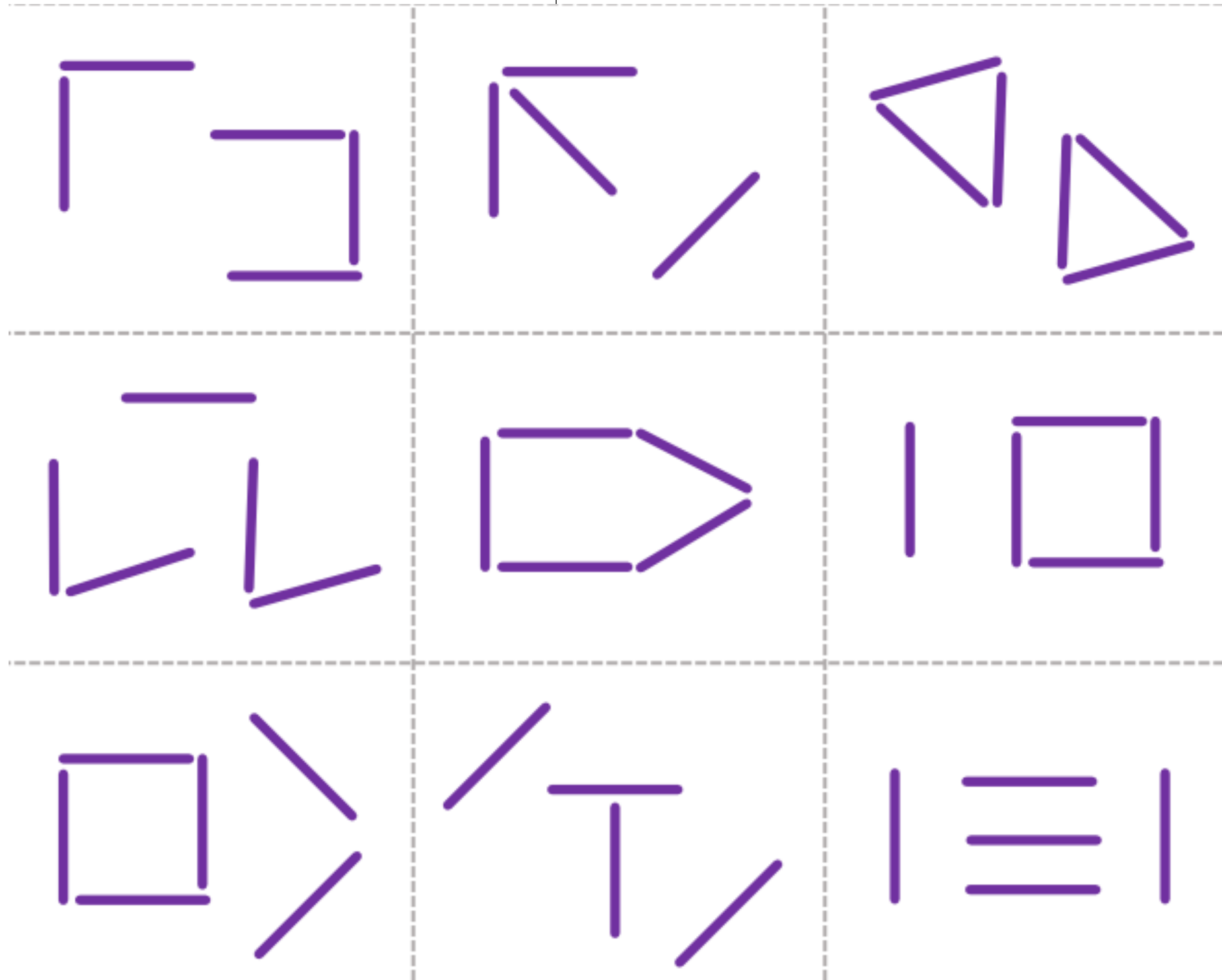


Subitising at home

- Number pairs
- Quick flashcards
- Bingo
- Number treasure hunt
- Find a number the same as mine, more than mine, less than mine.
- Play your cards right!
- Dice games/spinner games
- Track games
- Domino games
- Fingers: Bunny ears / Grow, show and throw
- Resources eg egg boxes, muffin trays and candle holders



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