



All about.... **Subitising**

To look at a small number of objects and know what it is without counting



Did you know that subitising...?

- Comes from the Latin 'subito' which means quickly or suddenly
- Helps children to develop pattern recognition
- Is highly efficient for when dealing with small numbers - helps children see how numbers are made up
- Helps lay the foundations for addition and subtraction through children exploring, separating and combining

Things to do when out and about...

- When walking down the street, ask your child to identify how many cars of specific colours they can see



- Can your child spot groups of numbers? e.g. 2 people, 1 post box, 3 trees, 5 pine cones etc.



Things to do at home...

- Play board games using dice - ask your child to show you the number they rolled using their fingers
- Bunny ears - both you and your child hold both hands up at either side of your head and take turns in saying a number from 0-10. You then have to show that number using your fingers. Can you show the number in different ways, using one and two hands?
- Play dominoes - this will help your children become familiar with the dot patterns and allow their subitising skills to develop
- Subitising snap - create small cards with a variety of dot patterns from 1-6. Play snap and encourage your child to use their subitising skills to recognise the dot patterns quickly
- Follow this link to hear the subitise rap! Can your child say the number before the answer pops up?



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yyz_OycV4A

Some links to help with subitising:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1L8bIDeW5co>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>