

# MCPS Counting and Numbers

One question staff often get asked is how to support children with their number knowledge. There are so many different ideas and activities to help with this and below are a few ideas you can try at home.

Outside is an ideal place to practice counting and number recognition, try;

- Counting numbers of flowers, trees, etc
- Draw attention to house numbers and see what numbers they recognise



Try and slip numbers into everyday life, try;

- At dinner, ask 'how many plates do we need at the tea table?'

For older children 'you have two pillow in your room and your sister has two in hers. How many pillow cases are there altogether?'

## Fun activities

- Counting treasure hunt round the house i.e. can you find me two teddies
- Counting cups/bowls (see pictures) for number recognition and counting.
- Play with games using with dice and play dominos



Sing lots of number songs

We all know 5 green bottles, 5 currant buns and 5 little ducks but heres one which isn't quite so well know

## Five Enormous Dinosaurs Rhyme

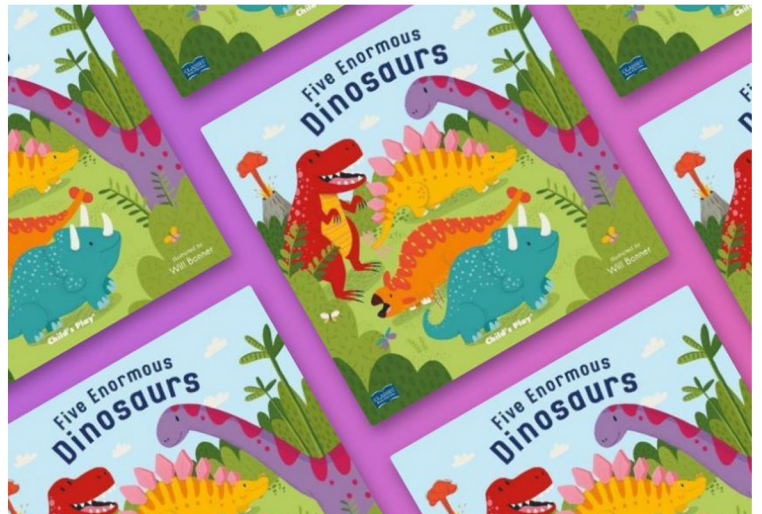
Five enormous dinosaurs, Letting out a roar,  
One went away, Then there was 4!

Four enormous dinosaurs, Crashing down a tree  
One went away, Then there were 3!

Three enormous dinosaurs, Eating meaty stew  
One went away, And then there were two!

Two enormous dinosaurs, Trying to run  
One ran away, And then there was one!

One enormous dinosaur, Afraid to be a hero  
He went away, And then there were zero!



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