



Activities for Home

Dear Families,

This week we are practising showing 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on our 'Five and A Bit' hands.

6	7	8	9	10

We are learning to use our 'Five and A Bit' hands to solve related addition and subtraction calculations. For example, 8 shown as 5 fingers and 3 fingers helps us solve the following equations without counting:

$$5 + 3 = 8,$$

$$3 + 5 = 8,$$

$$8 - 3 = 5,$$

$$\text{and } 8 - 5 = 3$$

Here are some simple activities you can do at home to support your child's learning:

Match my fingers

Hold out between 6 and 10 fingers using 'Five and A Bit' hands. Ask your child to copy the pattern with their hands. How many fingers are you each showing? Summarise what you have. "We are showing 7 fingers. 5 fingers on this hand and 2 fingers on this hand."

Shout the number!

On the count of 3, both you and your child show between 6 and 10 fingers using 'Five and A Bit' hands. Have you put out the same amount as each other? If so the first to shout the number you've both shown gets a point. Every time you make a match, talk about the number that you have shown, for example, "We both had 6. 6 is made up of 5 and 1."

Guess how many

Put 5 fingers out on one hand and show your child. Put your other hand behind your back with some fingers showing. Say "I have 9 fingers showing in total". Ask your child to guess how many fingers are showing on your hidden hand. Show your hand when they have guessed. "That is right, 9 is made up of 5 and 4."

Five and A Bit stories

Use your fingers to act out 'Five and A Bit' stories e.g., "5 children are on the climbing frame and 3 children are on the swings. How many children are playing altogether?" Once your child gets the idea they can use their fingers to show the story. As they get more confident you could challenge them to imagine their fingers. Can they work out how many there are in total by just thinking about the numbers of fingers? You can reinforce their learning with your language, "That's right! 5 and 3 more is 8." Remember one of the numbers you are adding in your story should always be 5, and the other number should be 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5.

Talking Tip

Repeat each of the games several times until you are sure your child's understanding is secure. There are many games you can play - don't feel restricted to these ones. If your child wants to play differently with the materials that's fine; just bring the focus to games where you are involving number bonds to 10.