



Activities at home for Hedgehogs and Lambs

Our topic for the month of October is: Numbers, shapes and size

The areas we will be covering are:

- Role play - home corner - focus on counting, using language of quantities, adding and taking away, weighing food.
- Explore shapes and numerals in the environment and counting objects.
- Messy play with numbers and shapes and using the mud kitchen/potion station.
- Drawing and recognising shapes- describing/measuring shapes to help identify shape names.
- Recognising familiar shapes in logos and the community.
- Creating structures out of the big shape blocks.
- Using shapes appropriately for tasks and 1-1 games.
- Parachute games.
- Encourage counting, recognising numbers and mark making.
- Counting in different languages.
- Shape matching games and cake game on 'Maths City' computer programme.
- Acting out stories - Jack and the Beanstalk, Enormous Turnip, Goldilock's and the 3 Bears.
- Using language related to weight, height and size.
- Using the balance scales to weigh.
- Science table focus - tape measures, scales, different sized items.
- Halloween craft activities and dressing up.

Books, rhymes and songs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Very Hungry Caterpillar, 5 Little Speckled Frogs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 3 Billy Goats Gruff, Elmer, 5 Little Ducks, 5 Little Men in a Flying Saucer, 5 Little Monkeys, 3 Little Pigs, Enormous Turnip, Jack and the Beanstalk (story sacks)• Shape Song Swingalong (story cd) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rhymes - The Queen of hearts; Ring a ring a roses; The Farmer's in his den; The mulberry bush; Twinkle twinkle little star; 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive; Round and round the garden.• Circle and square song.• Time to make a circle song.• The Smartest Giant in Town (story) |
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Ideas how to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about:

- Talk about shapes and numbers around the home and in the environment - eg road signs.
- Make shape pictures and bring them into show.
- Look at the shape of boxes and use 3D shape names whilst in the supermarket or at home unpacking the shopping.
- Making your own beanstalk and bring in to show and tell.
- Make different shapes out of playdough.
- Play shape and number games.
- Find different shapes and numbers in stories.
- Identify different sized teddies/toys. Order them largest to smallest.
- Halloween crafts, pumpkin faces.
- Draw around your families hands, compare different sizes. Count and number fingers.