

Count sets of up to 10 objects, of different kinds, shapes and sizes.

Count forwards and backwards within 10 (without objects).

Use counters to make pictures of numbers like this.



Explore together the idea that odd numbers stick out and even numbers are smooth - if you add two odd numbers the sticky out bits fit together. If you put two even numbers together, it stays smooth. If you put an odd onto an even you get another odd.

Discuss the idea of 'one (or two) more than' and one (or two) less than. Link this to the idea of adding 1 or 2 (+1, +2) and subtracting 1 or 2 (-1, -2).

