

Spring maths!

Have fun with maths this Springtime by holding a nature scavenger hunt.

Learning aims

- Mathematics
- Communication and Language
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development.



Resources

- Collecting basket
- Shape flashcards for children to take with them on the scavenger hunt
- Outdoors
- Wooden numbers and shapes (or plastic/card if you don't have any wooden ones)
- Clipboards and cameras if the children wish to record any of the activities.

Activity Outline

- Ask the children to go into the garden or outdoor area and search for items that are different shapes using the flashcards to remind them of what the shapes look like. They can use the baskets to collect them
- Ask the children to place the items on the floor next to the shape they think it looks most like
- Talk about the properties of the different shapes, e.g. four corners and four sides for a square
- Extend the activity to include numbers. Ask the children to go into the garden and collect a variety of items. Can they now place the items next to the numbers (i.e. next to the number two, place two of the same type of item)
- Count with the children if they need help.

Extending the activity

- You can adapt this activity to meet individual children's needs, e.g. if children are not engaged by this activity why not add a child's favourite toy or activity to interest them further
- Why not extend this to ask the children to make a list of items for their friends to find? They could draw a picture of what they want their friends to find or take a photo and print this out into a booklet. This will help to extend their IT skills too
- For your younger children why not have a scavenger hunt in your sand tray or tuff spot? Hide items under the sand or under materials for the babies and toddlers to find.