	Autumn -Nursery	
Program of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Possible activities
Comparison	Knows that things exist, even when out of sight	Encourage children in their own ways of recording (for example) how many beanbags they managed to throw in the
	Compares amounts using words like 'lots' or 'more'	hoop. Compare with how many a friend has.
	Beginning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like 'more', 'lots' or 'same'	Explore dice and game that you play.
		Talk about the patterns and spots.
	Compares two small groups of up to five objects, saying when	
	there are the same number of objects in each group, e.g. 'You've got two, I've got two. Same!'.	If you count three spots can you find 3 things?
		Can you jumps 3 times?
		Is 3 more than 4?
Counting	Says some counting words	
	Engages in counting-like behaviour, making sounds and pointing or saying some numbers in sequence	Discuss mathematical ideas throughout the day, inside and outdoors. Suggestions: - "I think Adam has got more crackers" - support children to solve problems using
	Says the number sequence, maybe skipping some numbers (e.g. 1-	fingers, objects and marks: "There are four of you, but
	2-3-5) and beginning to count on their fingers	there aren't enough chairs" - draw children's attention to differences and changes in amounts, such as those in
	Enjoys reciting numbers from 0 to 5 and back from 5 to 0	stories like 'The Enormous Turnip'.
	Has fun counting as far as they can go and is fascinated with large numbers	
	Shows interest in meaningful numbers	
	'Tags' (reliably points or touches each item), saying one number	
	for each item, using the stable order of 1,2,3,4,5 at first, and then later, to 10.	

Cardinality	Uses number words, like 'one' or 'two' and sometimes responds	
	accurately when asked to give one or two things	Provide numerals nearby for reference. Suggestions: wooden numerals in a basket or a number track on the
	Gets 2 or 3 objects from a group.	fence.
	Beginning to notice numerals (number symbols)	
	Uses some number names and number language within play	
	Begin to recognise numerals and make marks to represent amounts.	
	Subitises: e.g. instantly recognising under 5 objects without counting	
	Recognises that the last number said represents the total counted so far (cardinal principle) with numbers to 5	
	Shows 'finger numbers', up to 5	
	Links numerals with amounts up to 5	
	Explores using a range of marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings.	
Shape	Arranges objects using flat surfaces to stack.	Encourage children to play freely with blocks, shapes, shape puzzles and shape-sorters. Sensitively support and
	Responds to changes of shape	discuss questions like: "What is the same and what is different?" Encourage children to talk informally about
	Attempts, sometimes successfully, to match shapes with spaces	shape properties using words like 'sharp corner', 'pointy' or
	on inset puzzles	'curvy'. Talk about shapes as you play with them: "We need a piece with a straight edge."
	Attempts to fit shapes into spaces on inset boards or puzzles, beginning to select a shape for a specific space	
	Uses blocks to create their own simple structures and	

	arrangements including lines of identical shapes Chooses puzzle pieces and tries to fit them in Recognises that two objects have the same shape Makes simple constructions	
Measures	Shows an interest in size and weight	Look at heavy/light
	Compares sizes, lengths, weights and capacities using gesture and informal language Finds the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter and more/less full of two items	Weighing amounts- balancing scales.
Spatial Awareness	Enjoys filling and emptying containers. Investigates fitting themselves inside and moving through spaces Pushes objects through different shaped holes, moving them around to see if they fit	Play hide and seek- talk about places we can hide.
	Moves their bodies and toys around objects and explores spaces, e.g. squeezing into a tiny gap	

Spring Term - Nursery		
Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Possible activities
Comparison	Beginning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like 'more', 'lots or 'same'	Counting amount such as stones and comparing- I have 3 white stones, you have 3 black stone. That is the same.
	Compares two small groups of up to five objects, saying when there are the same number of objects in each group, e.g. 'You've got two, I've got two. Same!'.	I have 3 leave and you have 5 leaves. You have got more than me.
Counting	Enjoys reciting numbers from 0 to 5 and back from 5 to 0	Representing amounts using fingers and marks.
	Has fun counting as far as they can go and is fascinated with large numbers	Model this in different areas.
	Shows interest in meaningful numbers	How many sticks have you found? Can you draw how many you have using the chalk?
	'Tags' (reliably points or touches each item), saying one number for each item, using the stable order of 1,2,3,4,5 at first, and then later, to 10.	
	Uses some number names and number language within play	
	Begin to recognise numerals and make marks to represent amounts.	

Cardinality	Subitises: e.g. instantly recognising under 5 objects without counting Recognises that the last number said represents the total counted so far (cardinal principle) with numbers to 5 Shows 'finger numbers', up to 5 Links numerals with amounts up to 5	Explore patterns of numbers in the environment up to 5. Uniform on a 5 frame and not in a line. Look I have lined up the people waiting for the bus. How many people are there? Look at those flowers can you see how many have little flowers on? 2/3
	Explores using a range of marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings	
Spatial Awareness	Moves their bodies and toys around objects and explores spaces, e.g. squeezing into a tiny gap Begins to remember their way around familiar	Discuss position in real contexts. Suggestions: how to shift the leaves off a path, or sweep water away down the drain.
	environments, e.g. knows where to find their favourite activity Responds to spatial and positional language when used in conversation, e.g. pointing things out	Use spatial words in play, including 'in', 'on', 'under', 'up', 'down', 'besides' and 'between'. Suggestion: "Let's put the troll under the bridge and the billy goat beside the stream."
	Explores how things look from different viewpoints including things that are near or far away	Set up obstacle courses, interesting pathways and hiding places for children to play with freely.
	Responds to and uses language of position and direction Explores from different viewpoints and points to things that are far away Predicts, moves and rotates objects to fit the space or create the shape they would like	When appropriate, ask children to describe their route and give directions to each other. Provide complex train tracks, with loops and bridges, or water-flowing

		challenges with guttering that direct the flow to a water tray, for children to play freely with.
Measures	Shows an interest in size and weight Compares sizes, lengths, weights and capacities using gesture and informal language Finds the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter and more/less full of two items	Provide experiences of size changes. Suggestions: "Can you make a puddle larger?", "When you squeeze a sponge, does it stay small?", "What happens when you stretch dough, or elastic?" Talk with children about their everyday ways of comparing size, length, weight and capacity. Model more specific techniques, such as lining up ends of lengths and straightening ribbons, discussing accuracy: "Is it exactly?"
Pattern	Becoming familiar with patterns in daily routines Joins in with and predicts what comes next in a story or rhyme Notices, predicts and continues patterns in familiar contexts Beginning to arrange items in their own patterns, e.g. lining up toys Joins in and anticipates repeated sound and action patterns Is interested in what happens next using the pattern of everyday routines	Provide a range of natural and everyday materials, as well as blocks and shapes, to make patterns with. Plan opportunities for children to experience pattern such as percussion, music and action games that involve repeated sounds or actions.

Summer Term - Nursery		
Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activity/Links to Topics
Counting	Enjoys reciting numbers from 0 to 10 and back from 10 to 0	Point to small groups of two or three objects: "Look, there are two!" Occasionally ask children how many there are in a small set of two or three.
	Has fun counting as far as they can go and is fascinated with large numbers	Regularly say the counting sequence, in a variety of playful contexts, inside and outdoors, forwards and backwards, sometimes going to high numbers. For example: hide and seek,
	'Tags' (reliably points or touches each item), saying one number for each item, using the stable order of 1,2,3,4,5 at first, and then later, to 10. Uses some number names and number language within play Begin to recognise numerals and make marks to represent amounts.	rocket-launch countdowns.
Cardinality	Subitises: e.g. instantly recognising under 5 objects without counting Recognises that the last number said represents the total counted so far (cardinal principle) with numbers to 5,	Count things and then repeat the last number. For example: "1, 2, 3 - 3 cars". Point out the number of things whenever possible. Having numerals available for children to use alongside.

	Shows 'finger numbers', up to 5 then beyond Links numerals with amounts up to 5, then beyond Explores using a range of marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings	
Shape	Chooses puzzle pieces and tries to fit them in Recognises that two objects have the same shape Makes simple constructions Chooses items based on shape so they are appropriate for specific tasks Responds to both informal language and common shape names Shows awareness of similarities and differences between natural and manufactured shapes in the environment Partitions and combines shapes to make new shapes with 2D and 3D shapes Creates arches and enclosures when building, using trial and improvement to select blocks	Provide a variety of construction materials like blocks and interlocking bricks. Provide den-making materials. Allow children to play freely with these materials, outdoors and inside. When appropriate, talk about the shapes and how their properties suit the purpose. Provide shapes that combine to make other shapes, such as pattern blocks and interlocking shapes, for children to play freely with. When appropriate, discuss the different designs that children make. Occasionally suggest challenges, so that children build increasingly more complex constructions. Use tidy-up time to match blocks to silhouettes or fit things in containers, describing and naming shapes. Suggestion: "Where does this triangular one /cylinder/cuboid go?"

Pattern	Becoming familiar with patterns in daily routines Joins in with and predicts what comes next in a story or rhyme Notices, predicts and continues patterns in familiar contexts Joins in and anticipates repeated sound and action patterns Is interested in what happens next using the pattern of everyday routines Creates their own spatial patterns showing some organisation or regularity Adds to simple linear patterns of two or three repeating items (AB or ABC) Join in with simple patterns in sounds, objects, games and stories dance and movement, predicting what comes next	Talk about patterns of events, in cooking or getting dressed. Suggestions: - 'First', 'then', 'after', 'before' - "Every day we" - "Every evening we" Talk about the sequence of events in stories. Use vocabulary like 'morning', 'afternoon', 'evening' and 'night-time', 'earlier', 'later', 'too late', 'too soon', 'in a minute'. Provide a range of natural and everyday objects and materials, as well as blocks and shapes, for children to play with freely and to make patterns with. When appropriate, encourage children to continue patterns and spot mistakes. Engage children in following and inventing movement and music patterns, such as clap, clap, stamp. Use different materials to make repeating patterns such a leaves and stones.
Measures	Associates a sequence of actions with daily routines. Beginning to understand that things might happen 'now' or at another time Beginning to understand some talk about immediate past and future Anticipates times of the day such as mealtimes or home time Sequences a small number of familiar events and beginning to respond to	Talk about patterns of events, in cooking or getting dressed. Suggestions: - 'First', 'then', 'after', 'before' - "Every day we" - "Every evening we" Talk about the sequence of events in stories. Use vocabulary like 'morning', 'afternoon', 'evening' and 'night-time', 'earlier', 'later', 'too late', 'too soon', 'in a minute'. Provide a range of natural and everyday objects and materials, as well as blocks and shapes, for children to play with freely and to make patterns with.

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'after', 'soon' or 'later'

Vocabulary

Number names to 10 Count on/back Before, after, above, below More, less The same as

Add, more, altogether Subtract, take away Equals

Days of the week: Monday, Tuesday, etc. Seasons: spring, summer, autumn, winter Day, week Birthday, holiday Day, night Bedtime, dinnertime, playtime Today, yesterday, tomorrow Before, after Next, last Now, soon Old, new Always, never, sometimes, Once, twice First, second, third, etc. Too many, too few, not enough, enough Long, longest, short, shortest, tall, tallest, high, highest Money, coin, penny, cost, buy, sell, spend.

Under, above, below, top, bottom, side on, in, outside, inside around, in front, behind Front, back Before, after Beside, next to Forwards, backwards

Cube, cuboid, pyramid, sphere, cone, cylinder, circle, triangle, square Shape