

Grindon Infant School Nursery Mathematics Medium Term Planning 2025-2026- Spring 2



Pupils will be able to:

Comparison

Compare amounts using words like 'lots' or 'more'

Beginning to compare and recognise changes in numbers of things, using words like 'more', 'lots' or 'same'

Compare 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!'.

Counting

Says the number sequence, maybe skipping some numbers (e.g. 1-2-3-5) and beginning to count on their fingers

Enjoys reciting numbers from 0 to 5 and back from 5 to 0

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.

Uses some number names and number language within play

Begin to recognise numerals and make marks to represent amounts.

Cardinality

Gets 2 or 3 objects from a group.

Beginning to notice numerals (number symbols)

Subitises: e.g. instantly recognising under 5 objects without counting

Recognise that the last number said represents the total counted so far (cardinal principle) with numbers to 5

Shows 'finger numbers', up to 5

Link numerals with amounts up to 5

Explore using a range of marks and signs to which they ascribe mathematical meanings

Spatial Awareness

Move their bodies and toys around objects and explores spaces, e.g. squeezing into a tiny gap

Begin to remember their way around familiar environments, e.g. knows where to find their favourite activity

Respond to spatial and positional language when used in conversation, e.g. pointing things out

Explore how things look from different viewpoints including things that are near or far away

Respond 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

Measures

Compare sizes, lengths, weights and capacities using gesture and informal language

Find the longer or shorter, heavier or lighter and more/less full of two items

	Week 1	Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5			
Rhyme and story covered this term	5 Currant Buns Spots and Dots Six Diner Sid The Enormous Turnip Olivers Vegetables Jack And The Beanstalk Jaspers Beanstalk Rosies Walk										
Key Group Session	Subitize Read spots and dots Compare different spotty cards find those that are 5 and not 5	Counting Looking at some different vegetables how many can we see? How many can we count? If there is two do we need to count or can we just see? Look at some different amounts. Explain how we know how many.	about journ Ask the ch they see on Nursery? Create and together and Talk about to do. Go under the we have maded and Jump over Stand next	what we need he bridge that	Counting- Exploring I and what t represent. Children to holes on n and make compariso	Numicom hey count umicom	Patterns Session (Possible li Holi) Looking at a select different patterns items/animals Stripes, spots, swi etc. Then go on a patte hunt to see if we c find any more.	ion of on rls	Measure Capacity Using some different sized containers explain the language full and empty. Talk about the same amounts in each container. Scoop 4 scoops of sand in to 2 different sized containers. It is the same amount but looks different. Look at counting scoops of sand into different containers		
Adult Led Task		Counting amounts matching to numerals			Subitizing patterns	dice			Capacity		

Suggested Continuous Provision	Looking at amounts in groups- can we say how many without counting them?	Currant buns activity	Obstacle courses set up in provision to enable children to practice language	Patterns in the environment- ways to explore making patterns.	Different containers/materials to use to fill containers such as sand, water, rice, porridge etc
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Development Matters Goals

Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle').

Solve real world mathematical problems with numbers up to 5.

Compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'.

Understand position through words alone - for example,

"The bag is under the table," - with no pointing.

Make comparisons between objects relating to size, length, weight and capacity.