

Dear parents and carers,

Over the next three weeks your child is learning how small numbers up to 5 are made of parts. For example, 5 can be 2 and 3, or 4 and 1.

We use real objects, five frames and part-whole pictures. Children learn to see small amounts at a glance without counting each one.

Ideas to try at home

- Put 5 grapes on two plates in different ways and talk about each plate.
- Hide some of 5 small toys under a cup: how many are hiding?
- Spot dice patterns in board games and say how many without counting.

Thank you for your support, the Reception team