



Number Trays

 Set-up difficulty (1-5): 4

EYFS areas:

- Communication and language
- Mathematics
- Understanding the world

Prepare trays organised around certain numbers as a great resource for a whole variety of maths fun.

What you'll need:

- Trays
- Foam numbers
- Dice
- Various items, drawings and shapes

What you do:

1. The whole idea with this activity is to develop a resource that children can explore freely, and which you can use as a starting point for questions and problem-solving.
2. To start you need a tray and a few items representing the number itself, such as foam numbers, numerals or dice.
3. From here you can be as abstract or as simple as you like. You could have related letters, toys, numbers of things, animals toys with that number of legs, playing cards or shapes with the right number of sides.
4. These can start out as something to explore, but afterwards you can start to ask questions about why certain things are on there or what else you could include from around the setting too.

