



# Number Hunting

 **Set-up difficulty (1-5): 3**

Submerge some numbers and have the children pick them out using tongs to improve fine motor control while working on number recognition!

## What you'll need:

- A substance like **Oobleck**, shredded paper, pasta or rice
- Bowls
- Plastic numbers
- Tongs

## What you do:

1. First, take a bowl filled with your substance of choice and submerge a few plastic numbers in it. That might be a liquid substance like jelly or Oobleck (which you can find out how to make in **another of our activities**) or a solid substance like pasta, rice, or shredded paper.
2. Once you're ready to start the activity, hand out tongs to the children and let them work out how to pick up the numbers using the tongs.
3. As the children are getting stuck into the messy play, get your practitioners to engage the children with open-ended questions about the numbers, gradually helping to improve the children's number recognition.

## EYFS areas:

- Physical development
- Mathematics
- Expressive arts and design

