

Activity Idea

Activity	Dominoes
Main Focus	Subitising or recognising how many there are without counting

Resources	➤ Large dominoes: use dominoes with up to four dots on one end to begin with. (you can make large dominoes from recycled cardboard or stones)
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Activity Outline	<p>The aim of the activity is for children to recognise the number of dots on the dominoes without counting.</p> <p>Put out the dominoes on the floor and challenge children to match the numbers of dots. Start by finding pairs with numbers that match on one end.</p> <p>Encourage children to say what the numbers are, and show with all at once fingers – do not encourage children to count!</p> <p>Then make a trail of dominoes with matching numbers.</p>
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Extension Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Play a hide and reveal game: hide the dominoes and then reveal one, with just one number showing. Children shout out the number they instantly see. ✓ Play again, this time with children showing the number of fingers to match the domino. ✓ Hold up a numeral card (or large wooden numeral) and challenge children to quickly find a domino with that many dots on. This might be on one half, or altogether. ✓ Make your own dominoes with other arrangements of dots to help children subitise different arrangements.
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