



Activity Idea

Activity

Hide and Seek Numbers

Possibilities for	☑ Counting	☑ Composition	□ Cardinality
maths learning			curumancy
	☑ Subitise	□ Comparison	□ Measure
	Shape	Pattern	Spatial awareness

Resources	 Container Number labels (numerals) 1 – 10 Sand
	 Paint brush Record sheet

Activity Outline	Make number labels (numerals) 1 -10 (the size of the labels will be dependent on the size of the container you are using). Stick the number labels in random order securely to the bottom of the container.
	Fill the container with something which will cover the labels, for example sand.
	Provide a paint brush and a recording sheet with numbers 1 – 10 on.
	Tell children that the numbers 1-10 have hidden themselves in the sand tray and you need their help to find them. They should use the paint brush to sweep the sand about until they find a number. When they find a number ask which number it is they have found and encourage them to tick this off their sheet. The aim is to find all 10 numbers.

Extension		Uncover two numbers at a time and use a number line or manipulatives to help
Opportunities		children to work out what the two numbers make added together.
	\checkmark	Replace the numerals with dots.