



## Maths in Reception 5



In Maths this half term, the children have been learning all about adding and subtracting using a number track. We have also been investigating weight. Here are some ideas for how you can support your children with their learning at home

### Adding and Subtracting on a Number Track

The children have been working on counting on and back when adding and taking away. Number tracks are a really useful way of practising this. You can draw your own at home on paper, or outside with chalk on the ground.

For example  $4 + 5 = 9$

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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**We jump over the track when adding, and under the track when taking away.**

$9 - 5 = 4$

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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You can help your child by:

- Reminding them to keep moving on a space when counting on and back. They need to count the jumps, so should only say 'one' when they jump to the first number.
- Playing games such as snakes and ladders which involve moving a counter on or back when you've thrown the dice.



- Counting on as you climb up the stairs, and back as you walk down them.

### Weighing

We have been investigating objects which are heavy and light, and comparing them, deciding which weigh more or less. We have used our hands to feel how heavy the objects are, and have also used balance scales to see which objects were heavier and lighter. At home you can encourage your child to hold different objects, for example an apple and a grape, and talk about which is heavier and lighter, or which weighs more or less.

**Talking about numbers and measuring in everyday activities will really help your child's mathematical development. Have fun!**