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Star subtraction

- Subtract two numbers by counting back

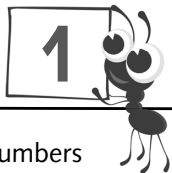
Your child has been learning about subtraction, using quantities and objects to take away and count back. They are becoming more familiar with the words associated with subtraction, e.g. 'how many?' 'less'; 'take away'; 'leaves'; 'how many are left?'. Encourage your child to use these words throughout the activities suggested.

In this activity, your child will subtract two single digit numbers by counting back along number track. If you think they need more support to complete this activity, provide them with a set of objects, e.g. buttons, to help them complete the subtraction problems.

You will need:

- pencil
- scissors
- glue
- small everyday objects, suitable for counting, e.g. buttons, crayons, paper clips
- 1–6 dice
- sheet of paper

What to do



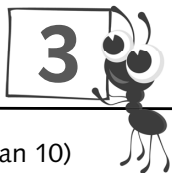
Support your child as they cut the numbers from the bottom of Homework N23. Look at the first subtraction sentence. Can they count the number of stars and find the corresponding number on the number track? Help them to take away 1 by counting back on the number track. Find the answer in the numbers that they cut out, and glue it into place. Repeat for the remaining subtraction calculations.

What to do



Use the everyday counting objects to encourage your child to make up their own addition and subtraction number stories. For example: 'I've got 8 grapes. If I give 4 to my brother, then I'll have 4 left.'

What to do



Place some counting objects (less than 10) in the middle of the table. Ask your child to count them. Take turns to roll a 1–6 dice and say how many objects will be left if you subtract the dice number. Then take that number of objects away and check if you were right.

What to do



Take turns to choose a number from 6 to 10 and write it down, e.g. 7. Roll the dice and say the dice number, e.g. 4. Subtract the dice number and say the subtract, i.e. 'Seven subtract four equals three.'

Feedback

Use this box to record any observations, comments or questions for your child's teacher.