

## Mathematical moments with 2 and 3 year olds

**Number: counting, cardinal numbers and numerals**

I took the book 'One is a snail, ten is a crab' to read to the children on the beach, with some props - number boards and small world animals. As I read the book the children soon worked out that the numbers linked to the number of feet. They found this funny!



'One is a snail, ten is a crab' by April Pulley Sayre and Jeff Sayre

They started off matching the feet of the animals to the number boards. Then they started with a simple addition for number 5, which is a snail and a dog in the book.

We concentrated on numbers up to 5 as they were so young. We read the book many times and the children practised their number recognition and counting skills.



Acknowledgement:

Sam Goldsworthy, Childminder