

Mathematical moments with 3 and 4 year olds
Numeral recognition and ordinality to 12
The Chinese New Year story - *The Great Race*

Our 3 and 4 year olds explored *The Great Race* by Emily Hiles. They chose to find the animals around the playroom as we were reading the story, which led to us all setting up some bookish play for them to act out the story.



They were keen to recognise the numerals by working

together as a small team. They were able to match the correct numeral to the animal by looking at the book independently.



The children frequently visited this bookish play set up during the week. By the end of the week I noticed that they were much more confident in matching the numerals to the animals. I also observed them using ordinal words in their play such as 'The rat was first' and 'The dragon was fifth'.



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