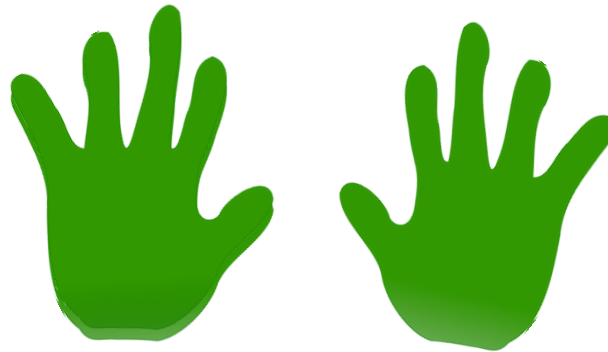


Number Bonds to 10

Finding numbers to make 10 is so important. Often, these numbers are called 'Number Bonds' or the 'Family of 10'. They are at the very heart of understanding how our number system is formed.

Activities for Number Bonds to 10

❖ Paper hands:



Trace around your child's hands on paper and cut them out. Stick the palm of each hand onto a sheet of paper/card and leave the fingers free to move. Now you can bend down the fingers in turn to show the different ways to make 10. Fill in the table below.

Bent down paper fingers	How many more to make 10
0 fingers	
1 finger	
2 fingers	
3 fingers	
4 fingers	
5 fingers	
6 fingers	
7 fingers	
8 fingers	
9 fingers	
10 fingers	

❖ Ten frames:

Print or copy the grid below. Draw in coloured spots/circles and ask your child, 'How many spots can you see?' and 'How many more do you need to make 10?'

For example:

●	●	●	●	●
●	●	●		

❖ Dice:

This is an easy and quick way to revise making 10. Roll a die and ask your child how many dots they are and how more they need to make 10. You could use a second die to support learning by asking your child to show their answer using the second die and to check their answer by counting the dots.



❖ Building blocks:

Building blocks are excellent visual tools for counting. Quite often, they are colour coded and this can be a useful way of showing how pairs of numbers can be 'put together' to make 10.

