



Numeracy & Mathematics

Our numeracy focus over the next couple of months will be learning how to use and follow simple directions and describe positions.

The skills we will be looking for the children to develop are:

- Following and giving instructions using: forward, backward, up and down.
- Following and giving instructions using: in front, beside, behind, under, in, out, on top of, next to
- Understanding and using symbols for direction e.g
→ ↑ ↓ ←
- Apply knowledge of direction and movement using interactive whiteboard, remote control and programmable toys

Ways to explore position and direction at home and outdoors

- **'Simon Says':** Play 'Simon Says' e.g 'Simon says take two steps forward and stretch your hands up in the air'.
- **Stuffed Toy Game:** Use a stuffed animal help your child develop their position and direction vocabulary by asking them to put them in various positions. For example, put the animal *on top of* the table.
- **Treasure Hunt:** Do a treasure hunt in your house or garden where your child has to listen and follow instructions to find the treasure.
- **Hide and Seek:** Have a range of hiding places (e.g. bag, box and hat) and small toys. Encourage your child to close their eyes while the adult hides the toy 'under' one container. While the child is trying to find the toy, model the word '*under*'. 'Is it *under* the hat', 'Is it *under* the box'. When the child finds the toy encourage them to say where it is. Swap roles the child now has a turn to hide the toy. .Once your child understands

and can use *under*, introduce other position words 'in', 'on', 'behind'. In front', 'next to'.

- **Online Action Songs and Games to try:**

Find the Monkey:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idJYhjGyWTU>

Here we Go Directions Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfLjhLiR-mA>

All Around the Farm Directions

Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykmFyHJq6FY>