## Curriculum Goal: Mathematical Development

We want our children to become confident mathematicians. To enjoy exploring number, shape and space. We want our children to enjoy participating in action number rhymes. We aim for children to confidently understand the numbers 1-5, with a secure knowledge of counting, cardinality, comparison and composition. We want our children to be able to say and use number words, $1,2,3,4,5$. To be able to compare two or more numbers, to understand the 'how manyness' of numbers, to count or subitise to know how many. We want our children to understand that numbers are made up of other numbers, e.g. 3 is made up of 2 and 1 .

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Mathematics Developing a strong grounding in number is essential so that all children develop the necessary building blocks to excel mathematically. Children should be able to count confidently, develop a deep understanding of the numbers to 10 , the relationships between them and the patterns within those numbers. By providing frequent and varied opportunities to build and apply this understanding - such as using manipulatives, including small pebbles and tens frames for organising counting - children will develop a secure base of knowledge and vocabulary from which mastery of mathematics is built. In addition, it is important that the curriculum includes rich opportunities for children to develop their spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures. It is important that children develop positive attitudes and interests in mathematics, look for patterns and relationships, spot connections, 'have a go', talk to adults and peers about what they notice and not be afraid to make mistakes.

## Context

In the Ladywood District, $68.43 \%$ of children achieved a GLD in mathematics at the end of the EYFS profile 2019. Literacy \& mathematics were the two lowest areas of attainment in the EYFS profile for Ladywood district.

## First milestone:

Daisies
Children will explore their physical environment, developing an awareness of shape and space.

Children will be able to navigate around their physical environment safely, demonstrating an awareness of shape and space
children will explore and play freely with a wide range of objects e.g. building blocks, pebbles, cones etc.

Children will join in with simple number songs 1-5; 1,2,3,4,5, five little monkeys, attempting to use their fingers as they join in

Children will know their special number (their age) and begin to recite numerals 1-3

Children will count in everyday contexts e.g. when setting up snack table; sometimes missing numbers

Children will use the language of size and weight in everyday routines e.g. a little milk, a big ball

Children will explore the concept of position through fitting their bodies into spaces e.g. inside, under, behind

Children will use vocabulary linked to time; Good Morning, Good Afternoon, Good Bye.
What does this look
Children will begin to engage with mathematical concepts through like?
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\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline & \begin{array}{l}\text { Children will explore the nursery environment, indoors and outdoors. } \\
\text { Children will follow the routine and rhythm of the day, understanding } \\
\text { now and next, sequence of the nursery day. }\end{array} \\
\hline \begin{array}{l}\text { Second Milestone: } \\
\text { Daisies \& Rising } \\
\text { Three's }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Children will build purposefully, indoors and outdoors, with a wide } \\
\text { range of selected resources, comparing size, shape, weight and } \\
\text { composition } \\
\text { Children will join in with a variety of known number songs, joining in with } \\
\text { the actions } \\
\text { Children will be able to name familiar shapes; circle, square, triangle } \\
\text { and use language associated e.g. corner, } \\
\text { Children will confidently recognise and recite the numerals 1-3 }\end{array} \\
\hline \begin{array}{l}\text { Develop fast recognition of up to 2 objects, without having to count } \\
\text { them individually ('subitising'). }\end{array}
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Children will be able to explore and match objects which are the <br>
same. <br>
Children will understand that collections can be sorted into sets based <br>
on attributes such as colour, size or shape. <br>

Children will begin to recognise patterns ABABAB\end{array}\right\}\)| Children will begin to compare quantities using language: 'more than', |
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| What does this look |
| like? |$\quad$| Cfewer than'. |
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| Children will show finger numbers up to 3 |

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline & \begin{array}{l}\text { Extend and create ABAB patterns - stick, leaf, stick, leaf. Notice and } \\ \text { correct an error in a repeating pattern. } \\ \text { Develop fast recognition of up to } 3 \text { objects, without having to count } \\ \text { them individually ('subitising'). }\end{array} \\ \hline\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Recite numbers past 5. Say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5. } \\ \text { Know that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects } \\ \text { tells you how many there are in total ('cardinal principle'). }\end{array}\right\}$

