

Using Playing Cards to Support Numeracy



Why Play Card Games?

- Builds number sense and confidence
- Can be used alongside concrete-pictorial-abstract approaches
- Supports memory providing overlearning opportunities
- Experiential, active learning
- Encourages fluency and can help develop thinking skills
- Alternative strategy for learning number facts and times tables
- Provides number talk opportunities
- Reinforces the language of maths and can support EAL learners
- Appropriate for all ages and stages
- Encourages risk taking, turn taking and social skills
- Behaviour management
- Intergenerational
- Inexpensive
- It is fun!

Suggestions for Incorporating Card Games

- Maths Lessons
- Homework
- After School Club
- Maths Lunch Club
- Family Learning/Parent Workshop
- Choosing Tuesdays/Wednesday Wonder Class/Golden Time
- Wet Play Activity

Reduce Maths Anxiety

- Faster isn't always smarter
- Allow partner work
- Provide concrete materials
- Timetables squares/number tracks
- Use paper for working/drawing
- Give time to access working memory
- Make the most of mistakes
- Begin with what learner can do
- Make it fun and use humour

Lets Play!



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