

## Subtraction Symbols

We have worked on addition for a few weeks in class and we were just making a start on subtraction. Can you show your family the different maths symbols you know? Use objects around the house (lego is great for this) to practise subtraction and write number sentences.

Parents: We have covered the = and + quite a bit, but the - symbol is still fairly new to them so they may need it explained again. We told them the biggest number always goes first (in Foundation Classes anyway!)

## Skittles

Why not play a game of skittles with someone in your garden (weather permitting) Count how many skittles you start with, then subtract how ever many you knock off to find out how many are left. Say/write the number sentences in your workbook e.g  $6 - 2 = 4$

Parents: If you don't have any skittles (quite likely!) get your child to have a hunt for anything they could use (barbie dolls, action figures etc)

# Mathematics Activities

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Focus: Subtraction





DAILY

- **Number formation** - focus on writing your numbers to 20 like we have been in class...remember to make sure your numbers are facing the right way! 😊
- **Mental maths** - start every maths session with a warm up - flashcards with numbers, quick fire addition to 10, drop objects into an empty tin and count them blindfolded (improves listening skills as well as counting!)
- **Number hunt** - ask an adult to hide numbers around the room - find them - order them 😊
- **Number of the day** - find that many objects around the house (check before you move anything and put them away after!), do that many star jumps, give your carer that many hi-fives
- **YouTube** - watch numberblocks!

## Word Problems

Can you work out the number sentences that go with these word problems? Write them in your workbook if you can or tell them to someone in your house!

Parents: This can be as practical as you like (the more active the better) We do things such as "How many cars are left now that 4 have drive away?" using the toy garage and cars. Another favourite is "How many chocolate buttons are left if you give me 5?" 😊

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| <p>Mrs Smith has 10 cubes. She gives away 3. How many does she have left?</p>  | <p>Mrs Borley has 10 cubes. She gives away 7. How many does he have left?</p>   |
| <p>Mrs South has 10 cubes. She gives away 1. How many does she have left?</p>  | <p>Mrs Blakeley has 7 cubes. She gives away 1. How many does he have left?</p>  |