



# Number Stepping Stones

This is a short activity to help children with their numeracy. People learn in all sorts of ways. Some people find it easier to process and memorise information when they are moving in a space. For younger children, it's all about learning to recognise and order numbers. For older children, this makes learning times tables fun and effective.

## Good for:

- Movement breaks (after long periods of sitting);
- Using as a warm up before a workout;
- Building spatial awareness;
- Learning times tables;
- Basic number skills (for younger children);
- Building confidence in maths;
- Having FUN!

## You will need:

- Some scrap paper. (Cardboard or paper from deliveries or a cut up cereal packet will do just fine.)
- A pen or pencil.

## How it works:

Decide what the learning goal of the day is. Perhaps it is for the child to order the numbers 1-10, perhaps they need to learn to count in multiples of 2s or 10s, or perhaps they need to learn the 6 times table. Write one 'answer' on each piece of scrap paper. So, this might just be the digits 1, 2, 3, etc. or it might be the multiples of 6: 6, 12, 18, etc.

Shuffle the numbers up and give them to your child.

Ask the child to make a stepping stone path across the room by putting the numbers in the correct order.

Once they are done, they can make the crossing (whilst reading the numbers out loud). Maybe they can even do it backwards to get 'home' again.

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### Health and safety

- All activities suggested in this resource should be supervised by an adult and are undertaken at the participants'/supervising adult's own risk.
- Make sure you check your area is clear of tripping hazards and sharp corners etc. before you start. Adapt the workout to make sure it is safe and suitable for the space you have. Always have water on hand so that you can all stay hydrated whilst you exercise.
- Make sure you warm up before starting. 5 minutes of moving all the joints and slowly elevating the heart rate will be fine. Your kids will more than likely have done warm ups and cool downs in PE at school so get them to lead this section if you like.