Explore and play

EYFS Aspect of learning

- Numbers

Busy Ant Maths F Topic

- Adding and subtracting

40–60+ months Early years outcomes

- Says the number that is one more than a given number
- Finds one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects

Activity 5: I ate one! or or

Objective

- Find one less than a given number up to 10

Resources

Resource 51: 1–10 turnip cards (per group); 2–10 number cards from Resource 17: 0-20 number cards (per group)

What to do

- Before the activity, hide the first nine cards from a set cut from Resource 51: 1–10 turnip cards. Do not use the card with 10 turnips.
- Place the shuffled 2–10 number cards face down in a pile.
- Children take turns to pick up the top number card, for example, 6, and say, 'I had six turnips, and then I ate one!'
- The group race to find the turnip card that is one less than the number on the number card.
- If they find a number but it is not the card that they need, they must leave it in the hiding place.
- They continue to turn over the number cards, and then look for the corresponding turnip card that shows one less.

Variation

- Each group uses a set of 0–9 number cards and the entire set of 1 to 10 turnip cards. Children take turns to choose a number card, such as 6, saying, for example, 'I had six turnips, and then found one more.' The other children find the turnip card that has one more than the number on the number card.