

# Explore and play

## EYFS Aspect of learning

- Numbers

## Busy Ant Maths F Topic

- Counting and recognising numbers

## 40-60+ months Early years outcome

- Counts an irregular arrangement of up to ten objects

### Activity 3: Match the cards or or or

#### Objective

- Count an irregular arrangement of objects

#### Resources

Resource 18: Treasure (per child/pair); Resource 23: Spot cards (per child/pair); for the Variation, timer (per child/pair)

#### What to do

- This is a simple matching activity in which the children count and match the spot cards with the picture cards. Provide each pair/child with all the cards from Resource 18 and Resource 23 already cut up. They place all of the cards face up and group together all the cards with the same number of dots and pictures.
- Alter the selection of cards to suit the level of difficulty at which individual children are working. For example, if they need more experience of counting numbers from three to six, provide only the spot and picture cards for these numbers.

#### Variation

- Play the activity to 'Beat the clock'. Provide the children with a sand timer. How many cards can they match before the time runs out?