



## Reception SEAC Mental Maths Homework for Spring Term 1








This half term your child will be working on these targets  
in their mental maths learning.

<b>Counting backwards from 20</b>

The minimum expectation of engagement in mental maths homework is the same as reading.

**3 times a week for at least 5 minutes each session.** Below are some suggestions for activities you could do in a 5 minute session.

Verbal	Practical	Written
<p>Sing 'The Counting down from 20 song': <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fS60rraBhz4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fS60rraBhz4</a></p> 	<p>To spot numbers when out on a walk with your grown-ups and count backward from the number to 1. E.g. Road signs, house numbers.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div>	<p>Draw around your hand and toes, numbering each finger and toe in number order. Can you then count down from eg. 17 down to 1.</p>
<p>Make a fruit salad/fruit kebab and count out the amount of fruit used.</p>	<p>You shout out a number E.g. 19 and your child has to jump <b>BUT</b> counting backwards from 19.</p>	<p>Make a set of number cards. Practising number formation up to 20, then cut each number card and re order correctly from 20 -0</p>
<p>Make a 'counting puzzle' using an image cut into 20 strips. Put the puzzle together by ordering and counting the numbers.</p> 	<p><b>BLAST OFF!</b> Counting rockets. Count backwards from 20-0 and when you get to 0 blast off and jump in the air. Can you do this from any number between 1-20?</p>	<p>Using a paint brush and water, can you draw the numbers 1-20 on your path, driveway or wall? Can your child then count backwards from a chosen number?</p>
<p>Show groups of objects, E.g. 12 cars, ask questions to justify your child's answer. E.g. How do you know there are 12 cars? What can you tell me about the number 12? What is one less than?</p>	<p>Play the Helicopter counting game on Top marks: <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue</a> (Click 'Play Game, then under 'direct' 1-20)</p> 	<p>Can you draw in soil, sand or gravel the numbers 1-20?</p>
<p>Listen and join in with this active learning song 1 -20. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VLxWIHRD4E">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VLxWIHRD4E</a></p> 	<p>Find items in your garden, E.g. 5 stones, 18 leaves, 7 plant pots. Count the items out.</p>	<p>Using bingo dabbers or finger paint to form numbers 1-20 with dots.</p>

**Please inform us of 1 activity you complete each week on your child's portfolio on DOJO.**

**Thank you, EYFS Team.**