

Explore and play

EYFS Aspect of learning

- Numbers

Busy Ant Maths F Topic

- Adding and subtracting

Early learning goal

- Uses quantities and objects to subtract two single-digit numbers and counts back to find the answer

Activity 4: Take away to zero or or or or

Objective

- Subtract a single-digit number from a single-digit number

Resources

Resource 5: Cake trays (per group/pair/child); 1–6 dice (per group/pair/child): Resource 38: Guessing goldfish (per group/pair/child); Resource 29: 1–10 spinner (per group/pair)

What to do

- Provide children with the cards from Resource 5 and 1–6 dice.
- The children roll the dice. They choose a tray of cakes and take away the number shown on the dice. They then write the new number of cakes on the tray, using numerals.
- Encourage children to record their subtractions by crossing out the cakes.
- Observe children while they are doing their subtractions. Do they realise they can't take away more cakes than are on the tray? Do they choose any trays so that there are zero cakes left?
- Provide children with the cards from Resource 38: Guessing goldfish, and a 1–10 spinner. Children complete the same activity, but working with the numbers 11–20.

