

Activities for number bonds:

- Use a pipe cleaner and beads to make the total. Use this “bead string” to support.
- Count objects or use sets of objects to add or subtract
- Use dice or number cards (playing cards are ideal) then add together the numbers on the cards
- Remove the picture cards from a set of playing cards. Turn over one card at a time and work out what needs to be added to/subtracted from the number to make the number bond
- Write out matching questions and answers for the number facts on pieces of paper. Shuffle them up and try to match them up, or turn them upside down and play pairs.

Activities for times tables:

- Practise counting up from zero in steps of your number e.g. for the 4 times table you would practise counting up in 4s (4, 8, 12, 16, 20 etc.) Your child could time themselves to see how quickly they can count up in steps of that number up to the twelfth one.
- Use dice or number cards (playing cards are ideal) and multiply the number on the dice/card by the times table.
- Write out times tables questions on pieces of paper, shuffle them up and then try to answer the questions as quickly as possible.
- Listen to a times tables CD.
- Times table grid – draw a grid with the numbers 1 to 12 along the top i.e.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Then multiply each number by the times table. The next stage of this would be to mix up the numbers on the top row.