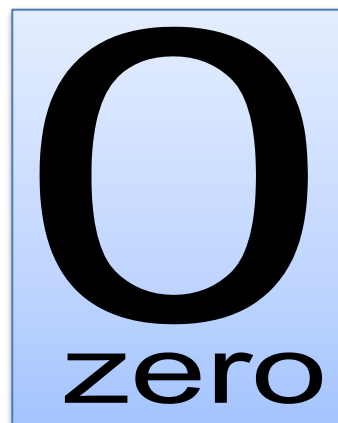


Introducing zero

As three become more secure, zero is introduced as the number before 1. The zero A4 mat shows the symbol for zero and the written word "zero". The children are encouraged to stand on "zero" sign it like superman and then walk the 1, 2, 3 path.



Resources

- Laminated Numicon A4 images for 0, 1, 2, 3.

Activities

Give out the A4 image of 1 to the child and then place the A4 image of zero on the floor where the number path will start. Stand on it and say and sign 'zero'. Then ask 'who's got number 1' and encourage the child to bring their number forward and place it on the floor next to the zero. Continue introducing 2 and 3 until the 0, 1, 2, 3 path is in place.

Next stand on zero again and then count 1, 2, 3 as you walk the path.

Encourage and help the child to stand on zero and walk the path as you count 1, 2, 3.

Repeat several times.

Lots of praise and applause.

It is very unlikely that the child will be counting as they walk the path but ensuring you always count 1, 2, 3 as the child walks the path will help the child to learn the count sequence and eventually begin to say the numbers.

If the child wanting to run down the path just hold their hand to slow them down.