

Counting with a cardboard tube and a die

Have a die with 1 to 4 Numicon on its faces, a biscuit tin with 4 pebbles in it and a cardboard tube.

Take turns to roll die, name the number, select the corresponding A4 Numicon/digit image and count out the required number of pebbles onto large shape. Share this task. Then hold the tube while the child posts one pebble at a time down the tube – as the pebble crashes into the tin say the corresponding number and encourage the rest of the group to join in. The child who's posting the pebbles down the tube will not be expected to count.

