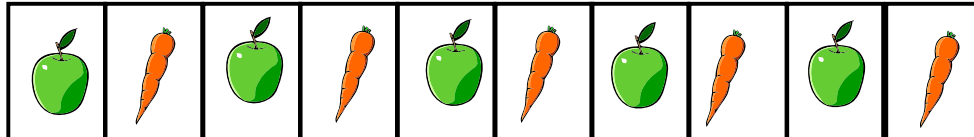


Ideas for Patterns

These are a collection of ideas and activities successfully used with Foundation Stage children.

They can be carried out practically or with moveable images on an Interactive Whiteboard.



1. Hide one object or take one out - can the children spot and talk about the change in the pattern? Children can set up their own patterns and talk about them.



2. Talk about position first, second, ... last (10th) - if the end of the pattern is hidden can the children predict the 10th item?

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3. Use patterns they are familiar with, make deliberate mistakes for the children to spot (days of the week, letters, coins)

4. Share out cubes / biscuits to a row of toys so that each toy has one more / two more / one less ... than the toy before. Record the patterns made.

5. Make patterns of sounds and movements (clap, stamp, nod head,...) discuss how they can be recorded, how many repeats to do when performing

Learning and Teaching Objectives

- Describe a rule of a pattern or relationship in pictures or words
- Predict the next few terms in a sequence
- Talk about, recognise and recreate simple patterns