

Date: Friday 12th June 2020		
Activity Title: How Many People Live in the House?		
Learning Intention:	Activity Overview:	
• To build a house and count the family members who live inside.	Build a house out of blocks and	
Links to EYFS:	read numbers to know how	
Mathematics:	many people live there.	
 Knows that numbers identify how many objects are in a set. 		
 Sometimes matches numeral and quantity correctly. 		
Counts objects to 10.		
 Recognises numerals 1 to 5. 		
Expressive Arts and Design:		
 Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, 		
making enclosures and creating spaces.		
 Joins construction pieces together to build and balance. 		
 Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. 		
Resources:	Key vocabulary:	
 Building blocks (e.g. Lego, Duplo, wooden, magnetic) 	Family members, numbers,	
 Small people (or other small items you can pretend are people) 	count, how many?	
Number cards (template provided or create your own number cards)		
 Template – Add 1 (extension activity sheet) 		
ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)		
Listing durations.		

Introduction:

• Remind your child of the book of the day *The Great Big Book of Families* and how different each family is. *Some families are small and some families are big. Can you count how many people live in our house?

Main Activity:

- Explain to your child that today, you are going to build a house out of blocks together and see how many people live inside.
- Invite your child to pick the blocks he/she would like to use. Engage with him/her while building the house, paying attention to details such as an entrance door, windows or a roof.

*If there is no door, how will the people go inside?

*How many windows shall we build?

- *We can make a small garden so the family can relax in the sun.
- Once the house is ready, get the number cards and put them facing down.
- Model the activity, verbalising what you are doing: I'm going to flip over the top card and read the number. It's number 3. This is how many people live inside the house. Let's count 1, 2, 3 people. I think it's Mummy, big brother and a baby who live in there.
- Invite your child to continue with the activity independently.

Challenge/Variations:

- Put the people inside the house and encourage your child to take them out one by one while counting them. Ask him/her to show you the corresponding numeral.
- Instead of using the number cards, tell your child how many people they need to move in.
- Suggest to your child to tell you the number of people living in the house. Challenge them by making a





mistake when counting and see if they can spot it.		
Additional ways to support your child:	Extension:	
If your child finds it tricky to recognise numbers, say	Challenge your child by taking/adding one person.	
the number for him/her or count the dots instead.	Invite him/her to have a go at completing the attached	
	activity sheet – Add 1.	

