# EYFS - Counting on and back (Lesson 3)

## Activity 1: Counting on game with loose parts

#### Resources

- Dice
- loose parts for counting e.g. small toys, pennies, buttons, beads, paper clips
- x2 dishes/plates/bowls (1 for holding counting objects the other for your child to use whilst counting out the objects).
- Set 1 number cards

#### **Activity**

Roll the dice and ask your child what number they have rolled.

Next, ask your child to find the number using set 1 number cards.

Get your child to roll the dice again and explain that the number they roll this time will be the amount they 'count on'. What number they have rolled?

Then ask your child to count on (they can use fingers to support this) and find the total.

For example: "ok so we started with 5 and now we rolled a 3. We have counted on 3 more so how many do we have altogether? You think......? Let's count using the objects and check!"

### **Extension**

When your child has grasped the concept of the game use set 2 cards for an

additional challenge. Instead of rolling the dice to pick a 'starter number', pick a number card from 11 to 20. Ask your child to then roll the dice to find how many they will be counting on. Then add the two numbers and find the total.

