Numbers, Numbers, all around!

This week you could have a focus on 'numbers and counting' at home! Here are the links to some songs that involve numbers and counting to get you started!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAni5XvrstQ

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GIQwaPaPEM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Pq5W5WdTuQ

There are lots of ways to talk about and count at home:

- A number hunt- Indoors or outdoors! Ask your child to find items with numbers on and maybe they can take photos with your phone or if not you could hide numbers outside like this activity here:
- https://theladybirdsadventures.co.uk/outdoor-number-hunt-for-preschoolers/

- Talk about and look at numbers up to 5 and 10. Count as you do activities such as climbing the stairs, getting out plates or laying the table.

- Use everyday objects such as seeds, dried beans, shapes to make large numbers so that your child begins to recognise the shape.

- To continue with the 'Growing and Measuring' theme you can use things to measure everybody in your house to see who is the tallest, smallest etc.

- For example use shoe laces- How many shoe laces tall/long am I? What about Mummy? Etc. You can do this lying on the floor as it's easier to measure! Then use your chosen 'measuring device' to measure and compare other items around the house. It is important to use 'non standard' measuring items so you child is really concentrating on the length/ number used rather than talking about standard measuring which they are too young for at this stage. Some more examples to use are:

- Pencils

- Pens

- Cocktail sticks

- Shoes

- Socks

- Tins

- String

- Toilet rolls

For example:

Measure items of clothing for each person. Talk about how many (pens) long each one is. Which uses the most pens to measure? Which uses the least? What does this tell us about the item? Your child may need help to get the idea to start with!

If they are ready your child may want to have a go at writing numbers. Chalk, or water and paintbrushes for example outside are a great way to start!