## Repeating patterns

Repeating patterns teach children to predict what comes next based on what has happened before.

Each pattern has a set of repeated elements. For example, in a two pattern there are two elements that repeat. In a three pattern there are three elements that repeat.

Repeating patterns with shapes, objects, pictures, sounds, movement


This is a star, circle, star, circle, star, circle pattern. The next one would be a star. This is a two pattern.

## B $\quad \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{X} \quad$ B $\quad$ B $\quad \mathbf{X} \quad$ B $\quad$ B $\quad \mathbf{X}$

This is a three pattern. The elements $\mathrm{B}, \mathrm{B}, \mathrm{X}$ repeat.

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This is a four pattern.

Mathematics is the study
of patterns and relationships.
We want students to look for
patterns, find relationships and use them as much as they can.

