## Ten frame

## Ten is the basis of our number system so we teach children the number combinations that add up to 10.

We use a ten frame to help teach these combinations. It is an empty chart that has two rows of five. Counters can be placed in the frame to show different numbers. It helps children get a picture of these numbers and see how to pull numbers apart. It helps them to look for patterns. For example:


The number 6 can be show on the ten frame. It could be seen as:

|  | $5+1$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | $4+2$ |
| or | $3+3$ (double) |



