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To support assessment the adult will need to provide a range of practical resources referred to in the prompts for each of the six areas of mathematics.

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| Reading, writing and ordering numbers |  |  |
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| I can statements | Examples of questions I can answer | Comments and observations - teacher, child and parent/carer |
| I can count forwards and backwards to and from 20 | Count up from one as far as you can, saying each number clearly. Carry this on backwards, count until you get to zero: 17, 16, 15... <br> Numbers in this count are mixed up. Can you put them in order? 18, 16, 17, $15,13,14,12,10,11$ |  |
| I can read and write numbers to 20 | Look at the grid. Point to 16, 20 and 12. <br> Which number is in the middle of the grid? <br> Write the number 15 into the empty box. |  |
| I can use numbers to label and find objects | Find the 10p coin in this purse. What coins could I use to pay 15 p? |  |
| I can put numbers in order | Look at these number cards. <br> Which card shows the smallest number? <br> Put the numbers in order, from smallest to largest. $\begin{array}{llll} 15 & 7 & 5 & 12 \end{array}$ |  |
| I can say the number that is one more or one less than a number to 20 | What numbers are missing from this number track? Explain how you know. <br> What number is one more than 11 , one less than nine? |  |
| I can use the words first, second and third | Here is a row of four coloured counters. Which coloured counter is the first, third, etc. |  |

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| Counting and comparing numbers of objects and events |  |  |
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| $\begin{gathered} \text { I can } \\ \text { statements } \end{gathered}$ | Examples of questions I can answer | Comments and observations teacher, child and parent/carer |
| I can count how many objects are in a group | Count these shells carefully. How could you make sure that you have counted them correctly? |  |
| I know that the number of objects in a group does not change if they are moved around but does change if any are added or taken away | Pick up a handful of large buttons and put them down on the table. Count them to see how many you picked up. Put all your buttons into a pot. How many buttons are in the pot? <br> Put another button in the pot. How many buttons are in the pot? |  |
| I can count in twos up to 20 and use this to count objects in pairs | Continue this count. Stop when you get to 20: 2, 4, 6... <br> Count in twos to find how many socks are on the washing line. |  |
| I can match objects to find which group contains more or fewer objects | Look at the toys. <br> Are there more cars or trains? <br> How can you find out? <br> Count the wheels on these trains. <br> Write the numbers down. Are there the same number of wheels? |  |
| I can find which group of objects contains most or least by counting | Which ladybird has fewer spots? How do you know? <br> Do the ladybirds have the same number of legs? |  |
| I can count sounds, actions and objects that I cannot touch | I am going to drop some coins into a tin one at a time. Count how many coins I drop in. <br> Look around the room. How many lights can you see? |  |

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| Use of known number facts, properties and relationships |  |  |
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| I can quickly find pairs of numbers that add up to 10 | Show me a pair of number cards that sum to 10. Can you find all the pairs? <br> Which number is left? What would you need to make another pair? <br> 3 <br> 4 <br> 5 <br> 6 <br> 7 <br> 8 <br> 9 |  |
| I can answer addition and subtraction calculations, using facts that I know | Point to the answer to each problem on this number track. <br> Add together three and two. Find six take away four, five subtract three. <br> Sum six and two. What number is three more than one, four less than nine? |  |
| I can use the words in a problem to help me decide how to solve it, and number sentences to answer a problem | Find the answer to this problem. At my birthday party there were three girls and five boys. How many children in total came to my birthday party? <br> Which words helped you decide how to work out the answer? <br> Write a number sentence that matches it. |  |
| I can use objects, pictures and number sentences to answer a problem | Use these objects. Show me how to work out this problem. <br> There are five caterpillars on a leaf and then a bird eats two of them. <br> How many caterpillars are left on the leaf? <br> Draw a picture to show how you solved the problem. <br> Write a number sentence that matches it. |  |
| I can solve problems by ordering numbers or calculating | Amy is seven. She has a sister, Megan, who is ten, and a brother, Sam, who is five. <br> Who is the youngest child in the family? How much older is Megan than Amy? How old will each child be in two years' time? |  |
| I can solve problems using addition or subtraction | A domino has four dots on one side and three dots on the other. <br> How many dots does it have altogether? <br> Here is a tower made using two building blocks. <br> How many more blocks do you need to make it six blocks tall? |  |

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| Understanding addition and subtraction |  |  |
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| I can statements | Examples of questions I can answer | Comments and observations teacher, child and parent/carer |
| I can understand and use words that link to adding and subtracting | There are eight pennies in this bag. I spend 5 p. How much money will be left? I want to save 10p. How much more money do I need? |  |
| I can answer addition calculations by putting groups of objects together or by counting on | In a bowl of fruit there are four pears and five apples. Work out how many pieces of fruit there are altogether. <br> Josh collects toy bears. <br> He has six and then is given three more for his birthday. How many bears does he have now? |  |
| I can answer subtraction calculations by taking away objects or by counting back | Use counters or a number track to help you with these questions: <br> Bilal has seven computer games. Anya has two fewer than Bilal. <br> How many computer games does Anya have? <br> There are 11 birds on a roof, six fly away. How many are left? |  |
| I know that I can add numbers in any order but that I have to use a particular order for subtraction | Nisha is two years younger than Hitan. Nisha is nine. How old is Hitan? <br> To answer this problem, Kieran says he has to work out two take away nine. Is he correct? Explain why you think that. <br> Add together these numbers: one, eight and two. <br> Which numbers did you add together first? Why? |  |
| I can write number sentences using symbols | Write a number sentence for each of these problems. Billy buys a box of 12 eggs. He cooks four of them. <br> How many are still in the box? <br> Sam has five raisins in one hand and six in the other. <br> How many raisins does he have altogether? |  |

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| Describing shape, position and movement |  |  |  |
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| I can <br> statements | Examples of questions I can <br> answer | Comments and observations - teacher, <br> child and parent/carer |  |
| I can sort <br> shapes and <br> explain how I <br> sorted them | Look at these solid shapes. Put all of <br> the shapes that have triangular faces <br> into a hoop. <br> What shapes are left? Why? <br> Sort the shapes in your own way and <br> then tell me how you chose to sort <br> them. |  |  |
| I can name <br> and describe <br> common <br> shapes | Find a rectangle and a triangle in this <br> set of shapes. Tell me one thing that <br> is the same about them. |  |  |
| Tell me one thing that is different. <br> Look at these two identical shapes. <br> What shape are they? <br> Show me how can you put them <br> together to make a square. |  |  |  |
| I can follow <br> instructions to <br> position myself <br> or objects | Go and stand: under a light; in front <br> of a window; beside the door. Place <br> these shapes on the table so that: <br> the square is above the triangle <br> the circle is to the right of the square |  |  |
| I can follow <br> and give <br> instructions to <br> move along a <br> route | the rectangle is between the square <br> and the oval. |  |  |
| I can describe <br> the position of my instructions as you move <br> objects | I am going to place toys in different <br> positions around the room. Go and <br> find one toy at a time. Bring each one <br> back and describe to me exactly <br> where you found it. <br> Walk along the log, then make a half- <br> turn and walk back. Turn to your right <br> and walk beside the climbing frame. <br> Turn to your left and walk forwards <br> until you reach the tyre. <br> plate, knife, fork, spoon and cup to <br> lay the table properly. |  |  |
| Give me directions that take me from <br> here to the hopscotch grid. |  |  |  |

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| Measuring and ordering objects using comparison |  |  |
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| I can compare how long or tall objects are and describe what I have found out | Find objects that are longer than a pencil and objects that are shorter than one. Tell me how you decided whether each object was shorter or longer than the pencil. <br> Ask three friends to stand in front of you. Tell me who is the tallest and who is the shortest and show me how you know. |  |
| I can compare how heavy two objects are and describe what I have found out | Which do you think will be lighter, this book or this apple? Find a way to compare the weights of the two objects. <br> Show me what you did and explain what you found out. |  |
| I can compare how much two containers hold and describe what I have found out | Fill a jug with water. Use it to find out which holds more liquid, the jug or a small bucket. Explain what you have found out. <br> How many spoonfuls of water do you think it will take to fill a cup? What about a different one? Test out your ideas. Tell me what you have found out and which cup holds less water. |  |
| I can use objects and equipment to make measurements and compare objects | Use your pencil to work out which is longer, the table or the board. <br> Use these balance scales to work out how many cubes weigh the same as your shoe. Now weigh one of your plimsolls. <br> Tell me which is heavier and which is lighter. <br> How do you know? <br> I drink three cups of tea each day. In a week, would my tea fill a bucket? If I used a mug for my tea would that fill it? |  |

