



Fractions - first steps

Let's start



Children always love nursery rhymes and stories, They are an excellent resource and starting point to get over any Maths concept.

HUMPTY DUMPTY

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. All the king's horses and all the king's men Couldn't put Humpty together again.

Also, Little Lumpty story by Miko Imai.

Make Humpty Dumpty by covering a balloon in paper maché. When dry and painted cut in half. Children can say the rhyme and enjoy pushing Humpty off the wall where he will land in 2 halves....all ready for lots of Maths discussion.

Next Step

THE GRAND OLD DUKE OF YORK

Oh, the grand old Duke of York, He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up to the top of the hill

Everyone stands up

And he marched them down again

Everyone sits down

And when they were up they were up.

Everyone stands up

And when they were down they were down.

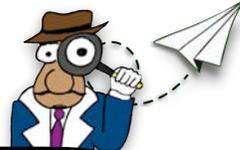
Everyone sits down

And when they were only half way up,
They were neither up nor down.

Everyone stands 'half-way up'

Children to say the rhyme, do the actions and enjoy the discussion about half way up. Ask children what 'half-way' means and show on a picture of the hill.

You can do it!



The Gingerbread Man story

An old woman bakes a gingerbread man, who suddenly leaps up and runs away. The farmer and several animals try to catch the Gingerbread Man but are unsuccessful, which is why the most famous line from the tale is "Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!". However in the end the fox catches the Gingerbread Man and proceeds to eat him, in 2 bites or 2 halves.

Tell the story. Children to sequence events and retell story with props.

Make a Gingerbread Man.

- 350g plain flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tsps ground ginger
- 125g butter
- 175g light soft brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 4 tbsp golden syrup

Mix ingredients together. Cook 180c 12-15 mins. Decorate. Eat half...then give the other half to your friend and ENJOY!