

Zip, Zap, Zoom Sowing the Seeds of Maths!

We'd love to hear how you get on with (and develop) this maths activity, so please let us know!



Activity Overview:

This fast-moving, co-operative game provides an ideal way of using your outdoor space to seed mathematical ideas in your pupils' minds. Not only that, but it promotes motor skills and memory too!

Target Audience:

KS1 to Adults!

Resources:

3 – 5 differently coloured beanbags.

Instructions:

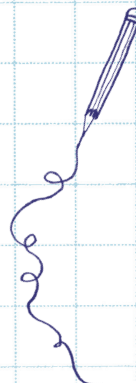
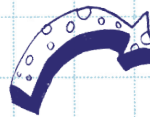
Ask the pupils to join you in creating a circle – standing about an arm's length apart from one another. Explain that you are all going to play a quick game about shape/symbols/numbers etc. Show one beanbag and ask for a shape/symbol/number to accompany it – for example, the red beanbag might represent "triangle".

Explain that you are going to name a pupil and throw the beanbag to her/him as you call "triangle". S/he will catch the beanbag – then name another pupil and throw the beanbag on, again calling "triangle". Ensure that pupils understand that they are trying to keep the beanbag going as long as possible rather than catching each other out – so throws should be accurate and underarm. If a catch is dropped or missed, someone picks up the beanbag and simply carries on.

Once the pupils have got the hang of the activity, introduce a second, different coloured beanbag and again ask them to assign a shape/symbol/number to it. Continue the game with two beanbags – then introduce a third (and, depending on age and ability, a fourth and a fifth)

Outcomes:

Use of mathematical language, memory and co-operative problem solving strategies.



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