

Snow People

A calculating activity

What you will need

- 1 copy of this sheet per child (please note: this is an A3 document and needs to be printed at 100%)
- Numicon Feely Bags containing two sets of Numicon Shapes 1 - 5.
- buttons or counters.

What to do

- Ask children to take a Numicon Shape out of the Feely Bag, say the number and put that many buttons/counters on the first snow person.
- Repeat for the other snow people.
- Now rearrange the counters/buttons into Numicon Patterns.
- Ask the children to calculate, 'how many altogether?'

Extensions and questions

- Use Numicon 1-, 2- and 3-Shapes in the Feely bag
- Ask children to take out two Shapes.
- Find the total and put that many counters/buttons on a snow person.
- Record the number sentence under each snow person.
- Ask children to take out two Shapes, find the total and put that many counters on each of their snow people. Ask children to look at all of their snow people and see if they can record a multiplying sentence.
- Can they tell you the inverse of their multiplying sentence?

