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## **Spike Maths Activities**

This set has been created to help with number recognition from 1 to 10. Different sets are available to teach to count and how to spell each number.

**Spike leaf counting**: This set of flashcards can be used for number recognition. Spike has lost some of his quills and needs help to place them back. Print out the spikes and stick them on a peg, read the number Spike is holding and then place the amount of quills on the flashcard.

**Maths and literacy:** This set is separated into 3 parts. You can use the main card that holds the number of hedgehogs and count them. Then introduce the flashcard that includes the number, and finally the spelling of the number. If you laminate it you will be able to use it multiple times, simply wipe after each use.

**Counting:** Take the maths and literacy card a step forward. Cut out the little hedgehogs and place them on the flashcard, then match each number and spell it out.

**Maths pegs:** For this set count the number of hedgehogs and use a peg or your finger, to point to the number at the bottom that matches the number of hedgehogs you can see.

Top tip: These cards are interchangeable, use the spelling cards with other sets.



## FUN FACTS!

Some extra maths! Hedgehogs can be up to 30 cm long, weighing 1.2 kg (get a bag of flour, that's almost the average weight of a hedgehog). How many quills do you think a grown hedgehog has? A) 300 quills, B) Between 1,000 to 2,000, C) Between 5,000 and 7,000.

The answer is C!

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