

Applying number skills in physical education and English

A teacher in Key Stage 1 is planning to teach pupils to order a set of single-digit and 2-digit numbers and position them on a number line. Simultaneously, opportunities to use these skills are planned in other curriculum activities.

In a physical education lesson pupils will play a game that ends up with each member of each team of eight holding a card with a 2-digit number written on it: the winning team is the first team to line up with the numbers in order from smallest to largest.

In an English session looking at favourite story books, in the context of discussing whether children prefer long or short stories, each group of pupils will have the task of arranging a collection of popular story books in order, according to how many pages they have.