










Mental Agility Activity 3

To support our mental agility, we have tried these chilli challenges in class and an example has been shown and you can try different amounts at home.

Addition and Subtraction

Challenge	Example
 <p>Use clothes pegs on coat hangers to represent different additions. Write the calculation in your jotter and then use the materials to show the sum and find the answer.</p>	 3 pegs  2 pegs $3 + 2 = 5$
 <p>Show x number of counters. Remove y number and screen the remaining. Ask the child to work out how many are left.</p>	 $x = 4$ $y = 1$ ✗  $4 - 1 = 3$ 
 <p>Give each child a pile of counters/block/ cubes. Ask them to take away y cubes. Each time count the remaining cubes then display the corresponding calculation on the board.</p>	 <div style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;">5 cubes take away 3</div> $5 - 3 = 2$ 