

Mathematics

Encourage children to join in calling each number as you read the text from 10-1.

Place images from the book from 1-10 and in reverse from 10-1.

Cover up numbers in the books using sticky notes and children to write the missing numbers in.

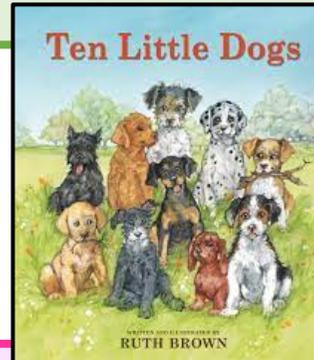
Can children extend the text and write numbers 11-20?

Turn to a page and ask the children to identify 1 more and 1 less.

Understanding of the World

You could use this book to discuss pets with the children, which have a dog and which have other kinds of pets:

- What do we need to do to look after our pets?
- How does a vet help to look after different animals?
- What is the difference between a pet and a wild animal?



Literacy

Rhyming words – 'Ten Little Dogs' has lots of rhyming words in it. Can the children make their own rhyming word ladders using words from the book?

e.g.

ten – pen – men – den – hen - then

Physical Development

This is the perfect book to act out and develop children's physical development at the same time:

- Chasing butterflies
- Being chased by bees
- Playing tug of war
- Splashing in the sea

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Use pictures of the dogs from the text and play a game of memory pairs with them.

Encourage the children to play co-operatively with each other and take turns.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Using pictures from 'Ten Little Dogs' children to retell the story.

Use a double-page spread from the book play a simple game of I-Spy.

Link to 'Understanding of the World' – ask children to think of their own questions they would like to ask a vet.

Expressive arts

Remove a page from the book. Using watercolours ask the children to use the words in the text and recreate their own picture to accompany them.

TEN LITTLE DOGS by Ruth Brown is published by Scallywag Press. 978-1-912650-53-8 www.scallywagpress.com

Find a template for a memory game in the resources [here!](#)

'A fun counting story ... There's a satisfying and happy ending which makes this book a good bedtime read.'

SCHOOL READING LIST

'The humour and the movement are elements that really stand out and make this a book that will become a favourite in years to come; both for reading to groups and as a book to enjoy with a child or grandchild.' **MARGARET'S READING SHELF**

'This beautifully illustrated book is the perfect read for any young child beginning to understand simple counting & numbers through the clever use of rhyme ... For any little dog or animal lovers & keen counters, or those of you who like a little interactive fun when reading then this book is for you.' **THIS MUMMY'S STYLE**



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