

Halving

Another new concept that we haven't taught yet to the children.

We need to start with practical work:

Ideas like:

If we halve a pizza it would look like this:



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Jaffa cake in half



Apple in half

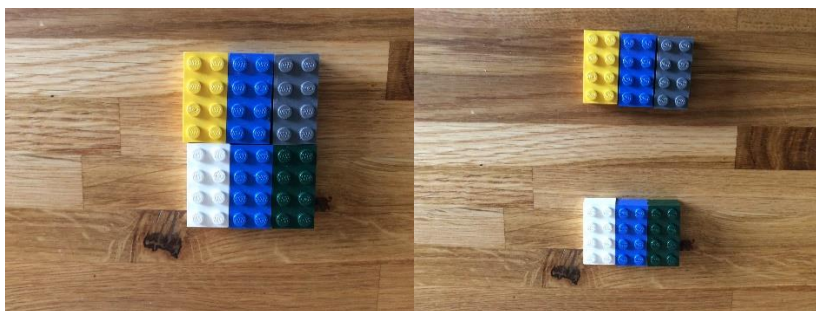
We need the children to learn that when we halve something we end up with 2 equal parts.

We could show the children by cutting a piece of paper in half, a cake, a slice of bread, a leaf, snap a twig in half anything that you can show them practically
Obviously some of these ideas will need adult supervision.

Then we can move onto exploring this concept with number.

For our children I would only use even numbers so that they can half numbers equally. Eg. Halving numbers 2,4,6,8,10 and if your child is confident with the numbers to 20 you could use 12,14,16,18,20.

A few examples that I have created at home:



Half of 6 is 3



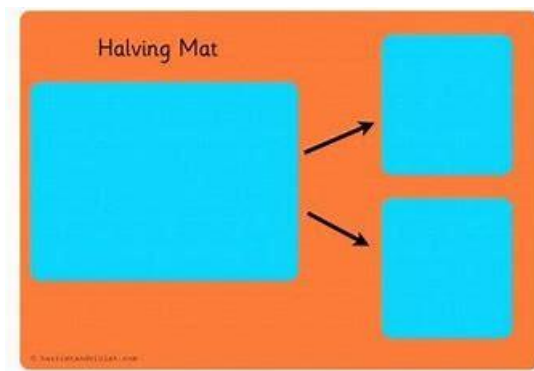
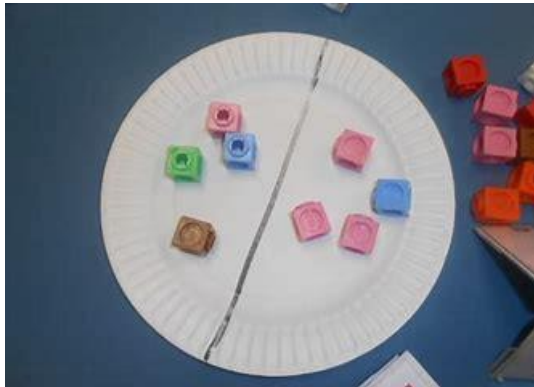
Half of 8 is 4



Half of 12 is 6

So explore lots of practical halving with items you have at home making sure the children understand that each side is equal when we halve a number.

An idea that could help them is using a plate and dividing it in 2 down the middle to equally share out the number of items they have:



Or you could use a Halving Mat like this use one piece of A4 paper and another that you cut in half to make a mat.

Have Fun using different items at home and keeping it practical. I will add some more resources that you can explore some recording of halving on if you wish.