Focus on the Numicon Feely Bag

The Feely Bag is a key component of the Numicon kits. By feeling for shapes in the bag pupils are encouraged to visualise the properties of the shapes, which helps them to develop their own mental imagery of number. Children can learn a great deal with their senses and here are some Numicon activities that show exciting ways that the Feely Bag can be used to support multi-sensory teaching. To help you get the best use from the Feely Bag this document lists all the activities from our core kits that use it. The activities shown in red are the key activities in each kit.

1st Steps with Numicon in the Nursery

Section 7: Mathematics in Table-top Play
- Matching, Activity 5 and subsequent Extension
- Putting things in order, Activity 7

Firm Foundation Kit

Card 2a: Getting to know the Numicon shapes
Challenge. This challenge encourages children to identify the Numicon Shapes by touch.

Card 2b: Getting to know the Numicon shapes
Activity 2: Using the feely bag to find the matching Shape.

Card 3a: Getting to know the Numicon shapes
Activity 2: Playing with the Picture Overlays

Card 3b: Getting to know the Numicon shapes
Activity 1: Bigger or smaller

Card 5a: Getting to know the Numicon shapes
Activity 3: Spin a pattern and find in the bag

Card 8a: Knowing the Shapes and Numerals
Activity 3: Feel and find to match numerals

Card 10a: Addition
Activity 2: Feel and make

Card 11b: Addition
Activity 2: Feel for a pair

Card 14a: Reasoning about numbers
Activity 1: What have I hidden. This activity encourages children to reason logically about numbers.