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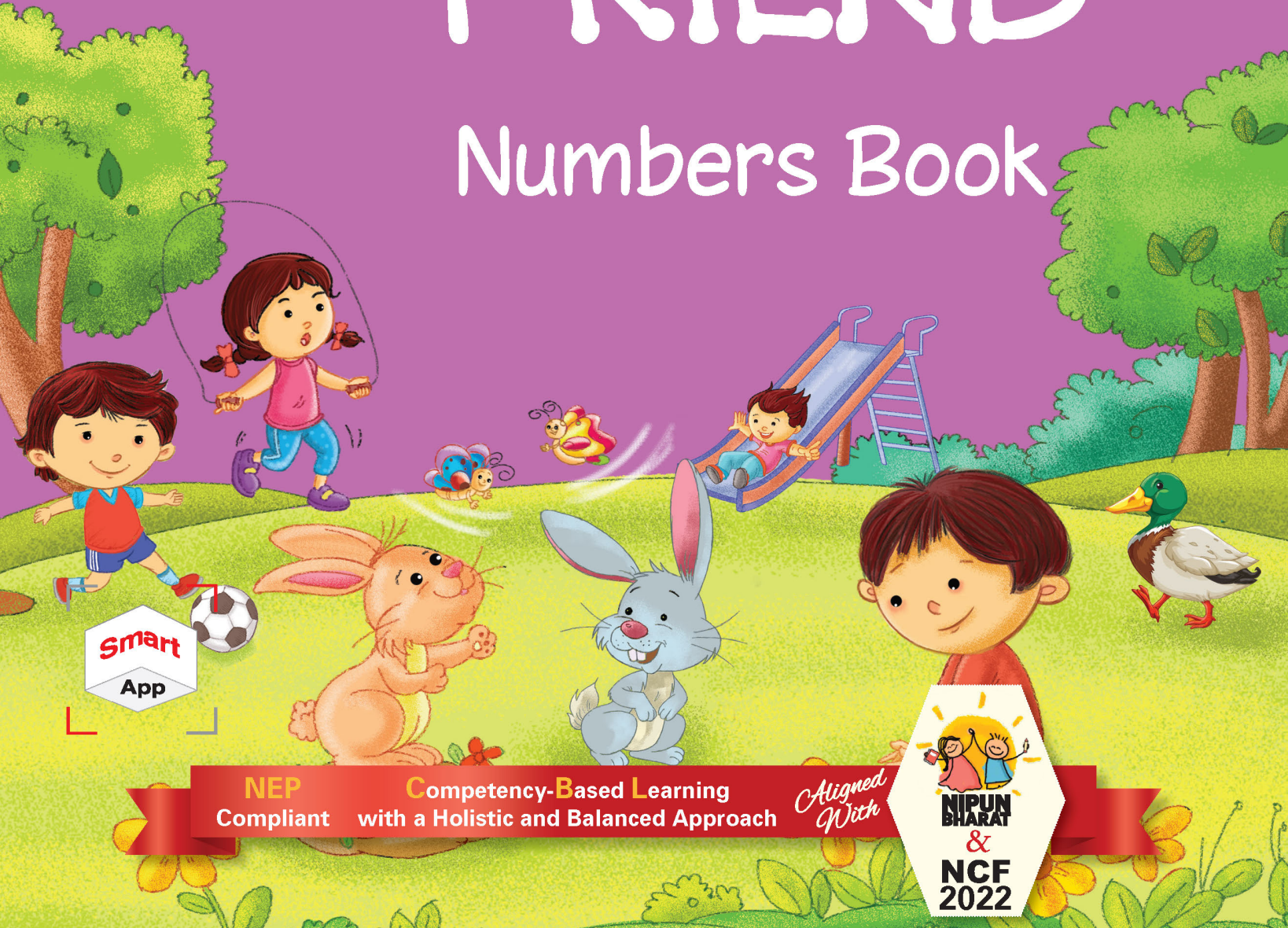
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MY BEST FRIEND



Numbers Book



NEP Competency-Based Learning
Compliant with a Holistic and Balanced Approach

Aligned With





My Best Friend – An Overview

My Best Friend is a comprehensive preprimary learning programme for early childhood education. It is a multi-sensory programme designed for all the three kinds of learners—auditory, visual and kinaesthetic.

My Best Friend is deeply rooted in the child's world of experiences. This helps a child understand concepts more effectively and easily. The series aims to develop learning skills across numeracy, literacy, phonemic awareness and general awareness. Based on an approach of concept building, practice and assessment, the programme develops a strong set of skills in children, preparing them for future learning practices.

The curriculum comprises these components across **Nursery**:

Rhymes and Stories

Simple and engaging selections to enjoy and internalise language

Primer

Integrated and graded concept-teaching and skill development

Smart Book for Teachers

A digital resource with audio-visual assets, providing children with an enriching learning experience

Alphabet and Number Books

An introduction to the world of letters and numbers



Handbook for Teachers

Teaching tips and suggestions to introduce and reinforce concepts

Activity Book

Integrated activities to make learning fun and interesting

App for Parent and Child

Songs and activities to share the joy of learning



Digital Key



Audio



Flashcards



Animation

Numeracy

Children engage subconsciously in everyday activities that develop pre-number skills. In other words, mathematical thinking comes very naturally to young children. Gradually, numbers begin to form an integral part of a child's life.

The formal learning of mathematical concepts enables a child to develop important skills like numeracy skills, cognitive skills, spatial understanding, critical thinking skills and problem solving skills.

Learning in the **My Best Friend** books for Numeracy is based on conceptual understanding and practice through hands on activities. Concepts are introduced to children by way of real-life contexts and experiences. This helps children grasp and apply the concepts easily and effectively.

Numbers

Topic headings show the content coverage on a page

Icons guide the use of digital teaching aids

Attractive and friendly illustrations

Clear and simple instructions

Activity based on the concept taught

Graded and clear progression in learning





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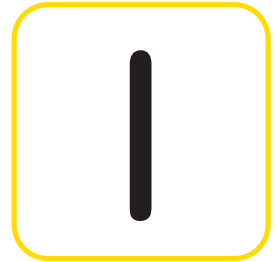




Once More: 1-5



Match the dice to the number.



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Hidden Number

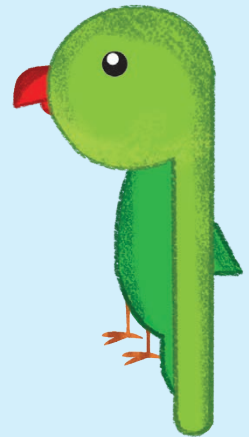


Find the **number hidden** in each animal and tell your teacher.



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Page number of book	Learning outcomes
5–11	Recognising colours: red, yellow, green, blue, black, white
12–13, 38	Recognising the concept of same and different
14–16	Identifying big and small objects
17–18	Distinguishing between day and night
19–29, 39–49	Identifying and finger tracing numbers 1–10
30–32, 51–52, 57	Counting to identify the value of numbers
30, 50	Sequencing numbers through number rhymes
33–37	Recognising shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle) and identifying the shapes of various objects
53–54	Sorting similar objects in a group
55	Identifying a pattern
56	Sequencing events in the correct order
60–69	Recognising and finger tracing numbers 11–20
70	Tracing simple patterns
71	Tracing numbers 1–5

**The above is a page-wise list of the primary learning outcomes for the concepts in the book.*



Fully designed as per the ECCE curricular and pedagogical framework mandated by the NEP 2020

Easy Reference *ECCE Mapping Guide*



1. Developing Curiosity

Integrated Primer – Picture talk for various themes

Rhymes & Stories – All rhymes and stories

Alphabet Book – Once More: Letters P–T. Look at the letters and colour them in the correct colour

Teachers' Handbook – Group/Individual activities, Role play, Games

Numbers Book – Hidden Numbers



2. Logical Thinking and Problem Solving

Integrated Primer – Vegetables: Match the vegetables and fruits that are in the same colour

Alphabet Book – Letter Q: Find and cross the letter Q on the quilt

Numbers Book – Once More: Match the dice to the number

Teaching Aids are also available for schools and parents.



3. Art/Craft, Music and Movement

Alphabet Book – Letter G: Dip your finger in paint. Make dots on the grapes, Letter U: Tear and paste coloured paper on the umbrella with the letter U



Numbers Book – Numbers: 7 – Colour the fishes with number 7, Colours: White – Paste cotton on the clouds

Integrated Primer – Family: Paste or draw a picture of your family, Pets: Join the dots and colour the parrot

Rhymes & Stories – Music and movement in Rhymes, The Little Red Hen: Paste pictures of three animals on the farm, The Hare and the Tortoise: Colour the Rabbit

Teachers' Handbook – Pre-concept activity: Pets, Jungle animals, Concept teaching using the book – Farm animals, Games and Web links



4. Alphabets, Numbers, Counting, Colours, Shapes

Alphabet Book – Letters A–Z: Trace it with your finger. Once More, Activities after each letter

Numbers Book – Colours: Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Black, White, Activities for each colour
Shapes: Circle, Square, Triangle, Rectangle, Activities for each shape, I Know It: Match the things to the correct shape

Numbers 1–10: Once More – Count and circle the given number, Activities after each number

Teachers' Handbook – Pre-concept activities, Games and Web links



5. Relationship with Nature

Integrated Primer – Themes such as At the Pond, Flowers, Birds, Animals (pet, farm, water and jungle animals)

Teachers' Handbook – Pre-concept activities, Games and Web links

Rhymes & Stories – Through nature elements in rhymes and stories



6. Play-based and Discovery-based Learning

Alphabet Book – Letter B: Join the dots and colour the ball, Letter Z: Paint the road with your finger

Numbers Book – Numbers: 1 – Join all the 1. Tell your teacher what Sana finds, Sorting

Integrated Primer – Themes and corresponding activities such as At Home: Tick the things that you find at home

Rhymes & Stories – The Hare and the Tortoise: Help the tortoise reach the finish line, The Cap Seller and the Monkeys: Find four differences between these pictures

Teachers' Handbook – Pre-concept activities for various themes, Games and Web links





7. Indoor and Outdoor Play

Integrated Primer – Themes such as Family, At the Park
Teachers’ Handbook – Pre-concept activities for themes, Games and Web links



8. Teamwork and Collaboration

Teachers’ Handbook – Group activities, Games, Role play for various themes, and concepts introduced in the Alphabet Book, Numbers Book and the Integrated Primer



9. Self Identity

Integrated Primer – Me: What I Like, My Body, My Family, At Home
Teachers’ Handbook – Pre-concept activities, Games and Web links



10. Social-Emotional-Ethical Development, Etiquette and Behaviour

Integrated Primer – Themes such as My Family, At School, At the Supermarket, At the Park – through picture talk
Teachers’ Handbook – Pre-concept activities, Games and Web links



11. Focus on Learning Outcomes

Alphabet Book, Numbers Book, Integrated Primer and Rhymes & Stories – Learning Outcomes are given on the last page



12. Holistic Report Card

My Best Friend Report Card – Skills addressed are Linguistic, Cognitive, Aesthetic, Personal, Fine Motor, Gross Motor, Social and Emotional



DIGITAL INTEGRATION

Teachers’ Smartbooks

E-books, Short Stories with Audio and Animation, Concept Flashcards with Voice Over, Rhymes, Worksheets, Lesson Plans, Parents’ Handbook

Parent-Child App (Orient BlackSwan Smart App)

Parents’ Handbook, Tracing Activity, Rhymes and Songs, Animations and Audio, Flashcards

TEACHER EMPOWERMENT

Teachers’ Smartbooks

E-books, Short Stories with Audio and Animation, Lesson Plans, Concept Flashcards with Voice Over, Rhymes, Worksheets and Parents’ Handbook

Teachers’ Portal

Lesson Plans, Audio and Animations, Worksheets, E-books, Parents’ Handbook, Holiday Homework, Webinars, NEP Corner

Teachers’ Handbooks

Objectives for Pre-School Education, Lesson Plans and Web Links

