

Cumbria County Council

*Early Years Team*

**What can I do  
today?**



**This week it is...threading**

## **Wednesday – counting machine**

- This is a fun way to make a counting machine that also develops the skill of threading. This develops good hand eye co-ordination and counting skills.
- Find a way to secure your sticks or dry spaghetti posts. In the picture we have used a plastic block, but you could use plasticine or blue tac.
- Write numbers on the card in front and line them up with the posts.
- Use some form of counters with a hole in. This could be buttons or beads.
- The cards could have colours on for your child to match or higher numbers. You write sums, adding more than one number, for older children.