

**These are used by teachers in Hungary as a way of supporting children's understanding of numbers and their learning of number bonds to twenty. They are based on the notion that we can instantly recognise numbers to five without counting (a skill called subitising) and so arranging the number of dots in the holes on the template help. Different numbers can be shown in different colour dots for addition. In Hungary the children have counters that are blue on one side and red on the other so you could make some like this if you like. Otherwise just use the counters and template we have made for you here. Two sets will enable you to work with the numbers to twenty. The iconic representation will help you to remember and visualise the number bonds.**

