Skip Counting in 2s and 5s

**Purpose:**
The purpose of this activity is to help your child practice skip counting in 2s and 5s.

**Link to the Number Framework:**
Number Sequence, Stage 4

**What you need:**
Ruler or tape measure
Counters (or masking tape, or sticky notes, or blobs of plasticine)

**What to do:**
Cover over the 2s with counters (or masking tape, or sticky notes, or blobs of plasticine) up to 20. Ask your child to skip count in 2s (2, 4, 6, 8, etc) by looking at the ruler or tape measure and saying out loud the number hidden under the cover.
Remove the covers, and replace over the 5s.

**What to expect your child to do:**
Over time expect your child to become more fluent at skip counting in 2s and 5s.

**Variation:**
Start skip counting at any number, for example start skip counting in 2s from 12 or in 5s from 15.
Work towards not using the ruler or tape measure as a prompt.

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