Subtraction (take away)

Find about 10 small items such as lego bricks, counters, coins, beads or small toys.

Ask your child to count 6 and put them in a group. Then ask them to take away 3. How many do we have left? Support your child to write this down as

6-3=3

Repeat this activity making it more difficult using larger numbers. Then move onto the part pat whole model.

Draw this on some paper and your child needs to fill the missing circle. The 5 represents the whole and the two circles coming off it are the parts. We are splitting the whole (5) into two parts (3 and 2). The children can still use their objects to find the answer. Model to your child if needed. Repeat with other examples.

