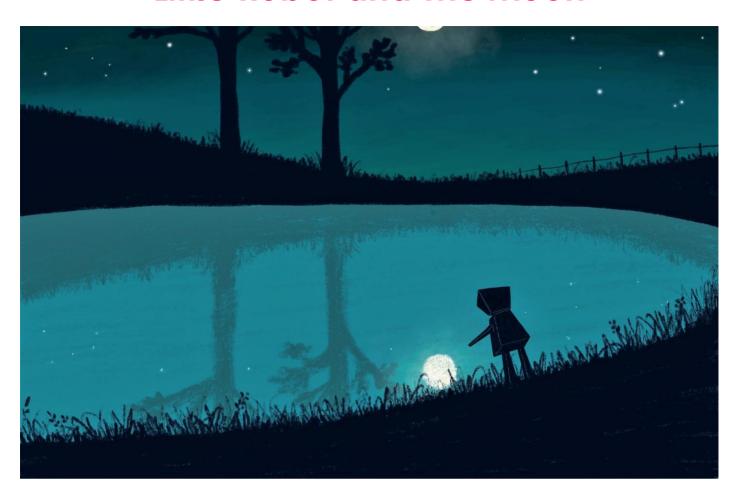
# Little Robot and The Moon



The moon was so far away yet felt so close.

This gave Little Robot an idea!

Now every night Little Robot takes a trip to the pond to sit side by side with her best friend the moon...





Our moon doesn't shine, it reflects. What we see is sunlight reflected off the moon.

But we can't always see it!

As the moon circles the Earth, we only see a portion of the lit up side. When we see 100% of the lit up side, this is a full moon and when we can't see any of the lit up side, this is a new moon. There are 8 phases of the moon.

- new moon
- waxing crescent
- first quarter
- waxing gibbous
- full moon
- waning gibbous
- third quarter
- waning crescent

Around once a month (every 29.5 days) the phases of the moon make a complete cycle.



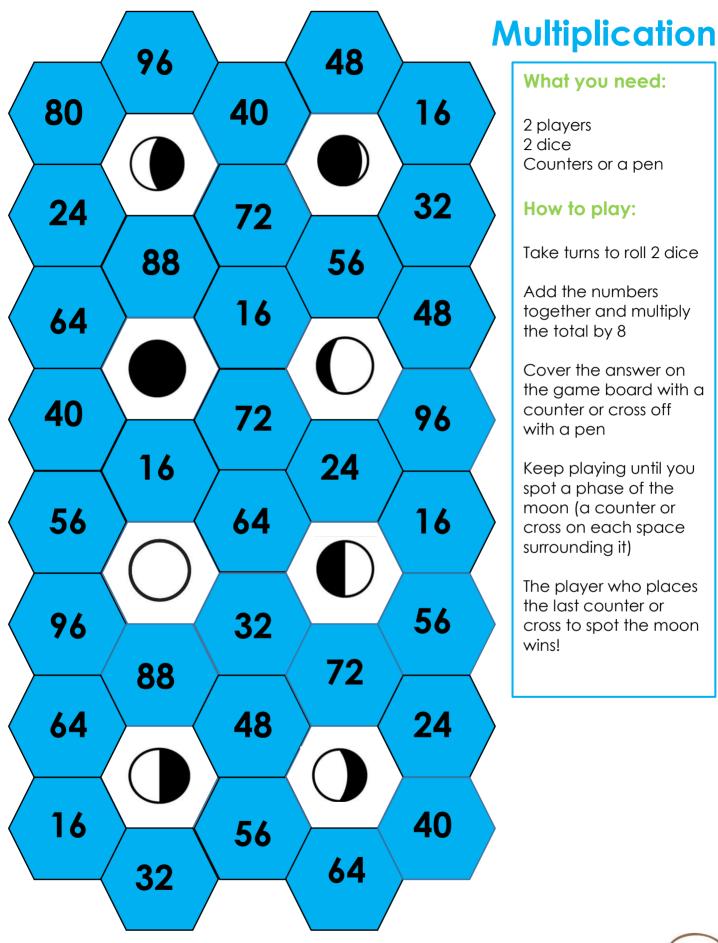
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Why not play a game to find the phases of the moon (and explore your 8 times table at the same time!)

#### Why is this maths?

You are thinking about how the moon moves around the Earth and how the appearance of the illuminated half of the moon changes as we look at it from Earth. The moon's phases are a result of the geometry between the sun, the Earth and the moon. You'll also be exploring your eight times table!

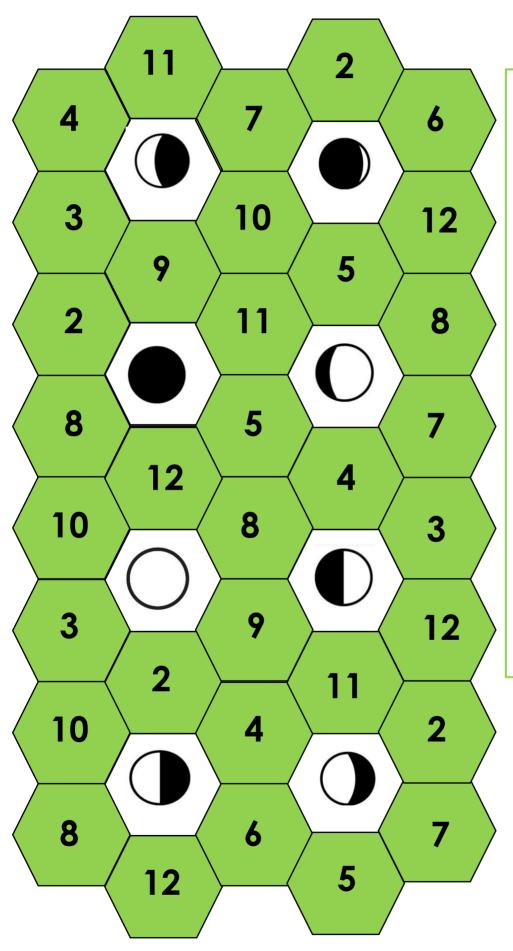
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## **Addition**

#### What you need:

2 players2 diceCounters or a pen

#### How to play:

Take turns to roll 2 dice

Add the numbers together

Cover the answer on the game board with a counter or cross off with a pen

Keep playing until you spot a phase of the moon (a counter or cross on each space surrounding it)

The player who places the last counter or cross to spot the moon wins!





