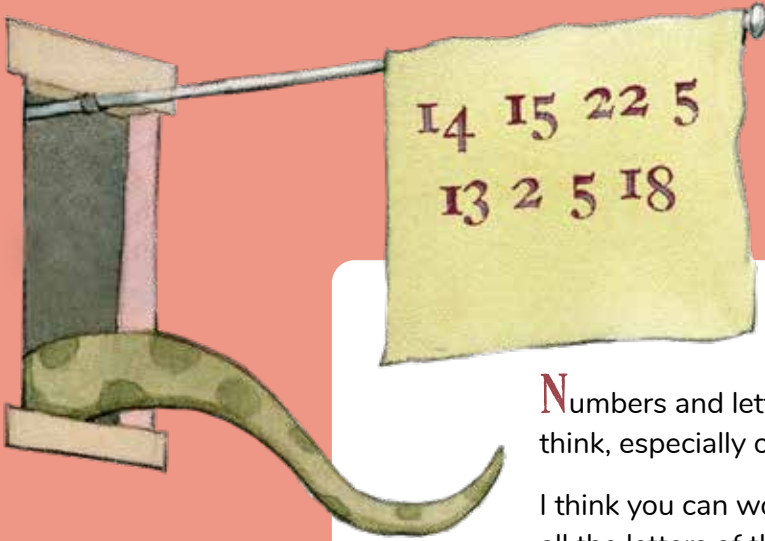


# URSULA's Writing Ideas



**N**umbers and letters have more in common than you might think, especially on the Laureate Calendar this month.

I think you can work this code out. Here's a hint – write down all the letters of the alphabet in a long line. Then write down numbers in order under each letter, starting with number 1 under the letter A. Now you've got it!

You can use this code to write lots of things. Or you could make up a new number code of your own. Instead of starting with the number 1 under the letter A, you could go backwards and start with the number 26. That'll keep people guessing!

When I was a child I loved songs about numbers, that brought words and numbers together. I wonder if you know any of them?

10 Green Bottles; 1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught A Fish Alive; This Old Man, He Played 1; There Were 10 In The Bed; 5 Little Ducks Went Out One Day and many more. Can you add to the list?

Magpie loves counting – and singing. So here is a Magpie Counting Song, made up specially for you. Perhaps you can add some more lines to keep it going?

7 15 15 4 2 25 5  
6 15 18  
14 15 23!



One Magpie wore a hat  
Two Magpies chased a cat  
Three Magpies ate some cheese  
Four Magpies hid from bees  
Five Magpies ???????  
Over to you!

Your friends, now and always,  
Ursula and Magpie

*Ursula*