These numicon tiles are showing the number bonds to 10. (i.e the pairs of numbers that equal 10)
Just like the high frequency words your child learns to be a fluent reader, memorising these number facts makes your child a more fluent mathematician.

Don't forget to make sure your child knows corresponding number facts
e.g if 3+7 =10 then 7+3=10. And the inverse is true, i.e. 10-7= 3 and 10-3=7

When you child understands this they could progress to facts like 30+70 =100. Try placing 10p pieces on the holes to demonstrate this.

| 10 = | 1+9 | 2+8 | 3+7 | 4+6 |

| 5+5 | 6+4 | 7+3 | 8+2 | 9+1 |