

Numeracy strategies by skill level grid

Levels	Descriptors	Learning intention	Junior Years			Middle Years			Upper Years		
			Teaching Strategy	Learning Activity	Category	Teaching Strategy	Learning Activity	Category	Teaching Strategy	Learning Activity	Category
A	Add and skip count numbers less than 20. Match number names with numerals. Recognise numeric patterns (skip count forward 2s, 4s and 5s). Carry out single digit addition and multiplication as repeated addition.	Students will be able to count forward and backward in number patterns.	Colour coding patterns on number charts/lines for visual prompting.	Students skip count based on colour codes.	Individualistic / Expositive	Revision of oral counting (skip counting) patterns beginning and ending at various positions on the number line.	Students take turn to skip count from different positions based on their seating arrangement in a circle.	Associative / Expositive	Specialist teaching support recommended		
		Students will be able to name the numerals and identify the quantity they represent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) counting and pointing to the corresponding numerals.Teacher will use concrete materials to illustrate the quantity that the numbers represent, counting them and showing the numeral.		Associative / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will use concrete materials to illustrate the quantity that the numbers represent, counting them and showing the numeral.		Associative / Expositive			
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using different activities, teacher will provide students the opportunity to match numerals with names and quantity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students solve puzzles by matching the number names to numerals and give examples of the quantities.Thinkboard. Students make the number using icypoles sticks/MAB, they write the number in digits and words, they include it in a number sentence and they draw what it looks like.	Associative / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using different activities, teacher will provide students the opportunity to match numerals with names and quantity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students will:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- play games such as the number bingo game.- explore different groups of objects, counting them to recognise its quantity.- write the number in digits and words and include it in a sentence.Students will hold a number party.	Associative / Expositive			
B	Classify numbers as odd and even. Understand meaning of base 10. Read and write numbers using base ten numerals. Count within 1000 (skip count by 5, 10 and 100). Addition/subtraction of two digit numbers without trading. Extend numeric and symbolic patterns.	Students will be able to understand place value, that 10 of these equals 1 of those.	Using visual representations, teacher will explain base 10 system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Trading MAB from tens to ones and ones to tens. Make the number another way, using MAB, sticks.Children video themselves making and naming 3-digit numbers using words 'tens' and 'hundreds'.	Individualistic / Interrogative Expositive / Technological	Using visual representations, explain base 10 system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using blank number lines or 1000 chart, students fill in the gaps or parts of the blank chart.Using bundling sticks and place value chart, students play 'Bundle a Ten' and 'Make a Ten' games.	Expositive / Investigative Associative / Expositive	Specialist teaching support recommended		
		Students will be able to classify numbers as odd and even.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) classification strategy/approach to identify if a number is even or odd, emphasising the understanding of the rules that will allow students to identify it.Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, etc) counting even and odd numbers from any given 2 digit number.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students count out loud up and down in even numbers or odd numbers. Then from any given 2 digit number.	Individualistic / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) classification strategy/approach to identify if a number is even or odd, emphasising the understanding of the rules that will allow students to identify it.Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, etc) counting even and odd numbers from any given 2 digit number.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students work with different sets of objects, arranging each group into pairs and deciding whether the number is odd or even.When decision is made student marks on number grid whether the object is odd or even, using colouring.	Individualistic / Expositive			
			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using different activities, teacher will provide students the opportunity to classify numbers as even or odd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students work with different sets of objects, arranging each group into pairs and deciding whether the number is odd or even.Students compete in groups to classify 2 digit numbers as even or odd.	Associative / Investigative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will challenge students to use patterns to classify all numbers on the grid as odd or even.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students examine patterns in grid to generalise the pattern of odd and even numbers alternating.	Associative / Investigative			
		Students will be able to read, write and order numbers using base ten numerals.	Teacher will make numbers between 20-1000 using concrete materials and will arrange biggest to smallest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Games such as ladder (biggest to smallest). Placing a series of number cards in order.	Performative / Deliberative	Make numbers between 20-1000 using concrete materials and arrange biggest to smallest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Games such as ladder (biggest to smallest). Placing a series of number cards in order.	Performative / Deliberative			
C	Perform addition and subtraction operations on whole digit numbers with and without trading. Multiply by 10. Knowledge of place value (units, tens and hundreds). Solve one step addition and subtraction word problems. Find unknown single digit number in addition or subtraction equation.	Students will be able to understand and apply place value.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the activity of 'Make it to 100' using mathematical vocabulary to explain what they are doing.Using different activities, teacher will provide students the opportunity to apply place number.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Make It to 100. Roll the dice and take that many MAB. First collect 'minis / ones', then when they roll and the total gets above 10 they have to do a 'fair trade'. Trading minis/ones for longs/tens. First to 100 and then back to zero. Could write down their running totals in columns.	Performative / Investigative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the place value chart using mathematical vocabulary to explain what they are doing.Teacher will organise an excursion to record and classify car number plates in the school parking and near the school zone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Place value number chart TH H T U etc.Students record number plates of teachers' cars (and cars going past the school) in a template provided by the teacher.Students put number plates in order smallest to largest.	Performative / Investigative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the place value chart using mathematical vocabulary to explain what they are doing.Teacher will explain the link between the words and the model, asking the students to make their own number expander to represent larger or small numbers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Place value number chart TH H T U etc.Make their own number expander to represent large or small numbers.	Performative / Investigative
		Students will be able to identify the pattern to find an unknown number.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will use different interactive activities to develop addition and subtraction skills.	Interactive activities include: 3 in a row, number path, calculator game, guess my number.	Individualistic / Investigative	Teacher will use different interactive activities to develop addition and subtraction skills.	Interactive activities include: 3 in a row, number path, calculator game, guess my number.	Individualistic / Investigative	Teacher will use different interactive activities to develop addition and subtraction skills.	Interactive activities include: 3 in a row, number path, calculator game, guess my number.	Individualistic / Investigative
D	Add and subtract with whole digit numbers up to 1000 using knowledge of place value, properties of operations and relationship between addition and subtraction. Represent and solve word problems involving multiplication and division. Recognise fractions (1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5) as a part of a whole.	Students will be able to use common fractions to represent a part of a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will use a fraction wall, measuring cups and fraction strips to explore and explain ideas about a relationship between a part and a whole (part-whole relationship).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visualise the size of a fraction, through a number line - a tool for representing and comparing fractions. Use words to label the fractions.	Individualistic / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will use a fraction wall, measuring cups and fraction strips to explore and explain ideas about a relationship between a part and a whole (part-whole relationship).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visualise the size of a fraction, through a number line - a tool for representing and comparing fractions. Use words to label the fractions.	Individualistic / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will use a fraction wall, measuring cups and fraction strips to explore and explain ideas about a relationship between a part and a whole (part-whole relationship).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Visualise the size of a fraction, through a number line - a tool for representing and comparing fractions. Use words to label the fractions.	Individualistic / Expositive
		Students will be able to match the words, symbols and physical representations of one half, one quarter and one third.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will demonstrate various activities as described in the listed learning activities.Teacher will encourage children to give real-life examples when fractions are useful.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fold a paper strip chocolate bar in half to make demonstrate sharing halves. Use same strategy to partition kinder squares, play dough, pile of counters. Repeat for fourths: halve and halve again. Repeat spreading activity with thirds on square bread slices. Spread a salada with vegemite. Discuss different fractional parts.	Associative / Investigative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will encourage children to give real-life examples when fractions are useful.Teacher will give cards with the words 'half', 'third' and 'fifth' to different pairs of students. Students will be asked to think of situations that explain what one half, one third and one fifth represent.Teacher will organise a cooking session with students to follow a recipe in which they need to use 1/2, 1/3 and ¼	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students will model a situation in which half, third or fifth of the whole is being used. Students can draw, cut, and paste pictures, colour paper, write a story, etc. Students share ideas. Display work on wall and discuss with other pairs of students.Students will follow recipes to cook different things in which they need to use 1/2, 1/3 and 1/4 of the ingredients.	Performative / Investigative	Teacher will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">give each student a set of cards described under student activity.allocate time for students to make individual decisions.organise students into pairs for discussion of decisions.brief with group to identify any remaining misconceptions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will receive a card set with the symbol, the words and various physical representations of 1/2, 1/3 and 1/4.Students will arrange cards into sets representing one half, one third and one quarter. Students need then to explain to a partner why they made their choices.Students will make different physical representations of these fractions.	Associative / Investigative
		Students will be able to add and subtract 3 digit numbers which include renaming (borrowing and trading).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers using counters and MAB.	Students solve addition and subtraction problems in groups using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Counters, MABClipboardGame – (trading game with counters)	Associative / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers using counters and MAB	Students solve addition and subtraction problems in groups using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Counters, MABClipboardGame – (trading game with counters)	Associative / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers using counters and MAB	Students solve addition and subtraction problems in groups using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Counters, MABClipboardGame – (trading game with counters)	Associative / Expositive
E	Use properties of operations as strategies to multiply and divide. Round numbers using the knowledge of place value. Represent whole number on the number line, find segment length and understand concept of unit segment. Recognise unit fractions in both numerical and geometrical form (express area of a part of a shape as a fraction). Compare fractions with same denominator or numerator. Describe and extend geometric and numeric patterns.	Students will be able to repeat addition as arrays, using the language of multiplication like "by" and "multiply".	Teacher will introduce symbols to represent arrays using visual illustrations.	Students use arrays as a representation for multiplication.	Individualistic / Expositive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will read arrays as a representation for multiplication. Introduce symbols to represent arrays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will model arrays using a range of concrete materials, exploring symbols to represent it.	Individualistic / Expositive	To read arrays as a representation for multiplication. Introduce symbols to represent arrays.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will model arrays using a range of concrete materials, exploring symbols to represent it.	Individualistic / Expositive
		Students will be able to understand the commutative property for multiplication.	Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the use of arrays eg 3x4 and 4x3 to explain the relationship.	Students will represent multiplication by using concrete materials and grid paper.	Investigative / Performative	Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the use of arrays eg 3x4 and 4x3 to explain the relationship.	Students will represent multiplication by using concrete materials and grid paper.	Investigative / Performative	Teacher will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the use of arrays eg 3x4 and 4x3 to explain the relationship.	Students will represent multiplication by using concrete materials and grid paper.	Investigative / Performative
		Students will be able to understand the meaning attached to the numerator and denominator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will illustrate the meaning of denominator and numerator using concrete materials.Teacher will ask students to work in groups using pre-cut 'tiles' to explore the concept of denominator and numerator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will explore the meaning of numerator and denominator using:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paper folding activities- Make me 3/4- Sticky numbersStudents use pre-cut 'tiles' (ex cut into 3,4,8 & 10 equal pieces) They are asked to pick up 1 of the pieces and name the piece. (Extend to multiple pieces).	Individualistic / Interrogative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will illustrate the meaning of denominator and numerator using concrete materials.Teacher will ask students to investigate around the school environment where fractions are displayed or can be used, analysing the meaning of numerator and denominator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students will explore the meaning of numerator and denominator using:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paper folding activities- Make me 3/4- Sticky numbersStudents look around the school environment to see where fractions are displayed or can be used, to then present these examples explaining the meaning of numerator and denominator.	Individualistic / Interrogative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will lead paper folding activity emphasising the number of equal parts as naming the parts (denominator from the Latin meaning name).Teacher then will use paper folding outcomes to have students colour designated numbers of parts, the numerator (from Latin meaning count).	Students will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">complete paper folding activities with an emphasis on how many equal parts are produced by the activity and how this is recorded.complete designated colour parts activity with an emphasis on the number of equal parts coloured and how that is recorded.choose a fraction and create it by paper folding and present it to a partner who has to describe how to create the name, in words and symbolically.	Individualistic / Interrogative
F	Represent fractions on number line. Recognise and generate equivalent fractions (denominator 2, 3, 4, 6, 8). Add and subtract fractions with same denominator. Use decimal notation for fraction (convert between decimals and fractions). Use four operations and their properties to solve word problems; involving calculations with distances, money and time.	Students will be able to recognise equivalent fractions.	Teachers will let students explore equivalences and challenge them to explain the reasons for the equivalences (see learning activity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students will explore:<ul style="list-style-type: none">partitioning a real object into halves, thirds and fifthspartitioning an identical object into sixths, eighths, ninths, tenthscomparing the parts to discover equivalences	Associative / Interrogative	Teachers will let students explore equivalences and challenge them to explain the reasons for the equivalences (see learning activity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students will explore:<ul style="list-style-type: none">partitioning a real object into halves, thirds and fifthspartitioning an identical object into sixths, eighths, ninths, tenthscomparing the parts to discover equivalences	Associative / Interrogative	Teachers will let students explore equivalences and challenge them to explain the reasons for the equivalences (see learning activity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students will explore:<ul style="list-style-type: none">partitioning a real object into halves, thirds and fifthspartitioning an identical object into sixths, eighths, ninths, tenthscomparing the parts to discover equivalences	Associative / Interrogative
		Students will be able to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teachers will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the addition and subtraction of fractions with concrete objects and diagrams (the explanation should emphasize estimation and judging the reasonableness of answers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students will:<ul style="list-style-type: none">use concrete objects and diagrams to add and subtract fractions with the same denominatorevaluate the reasonableness of the results obtained	Expositive / Associative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teachers will model (personally, or by a video, a worksheet, a laboratory work description, etc) the addition and subtraction of fractions with concrete objects and diagrams (the explanation should emphasize estimation and judging the reasonableness of answers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In groups, students will:<ul style="list-style-type: none">use concrete objects and diagrams to add and subtract fractions with the same denominatorevaluate the reasonableness of the results obtained	Expositive / Associative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teacher will:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oversee construction of fraction walls.Propose some problems for students to solveEncourage students to create and solve their own problemsPlace an emphasis on recording so that students can see the link between the conceptual idea and the mathematical recording of the problem"	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students create their own fraction wall.Using the fraction wall students identify equivalent fractions.	Associative / Investigative
		Students will be able to use operations to solve problems involving equivalent fractions.	Following a progression of using models, words and then symbols, teacher will model the use of diagram to solve real life problems (including number lines, fraction walls, collections) involving equivalent fractions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using models and concrete objects, students will record the addition and subtraction of simple fractions through demonstrating equivalence. e.g. ¼ is the same as 2/8 therefore ¼ + 1/8 is the same as 2/8 + 1/8 = 3/8	Expositive / Deliberative	Following a progression of using models, words and then symbols, teacher will model the use of diagram to solve real life problems (including number lines, fraction walls, collections) involving equivalent fractions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using models and concrete objects, students will record the addition and subtraction of simple fractions through demonstrating equivalence. e.g. ¼ is the same as 2/8 therefore ¼ + 1/8 is the same as 2/8 + 1/8 = 3/8	Expositive / Deliberative	Following a progression of using models, words and then symbols, teacher will model the use of diagram to solve real life problems (including number lines, fraction walls, collections) involving equivalent fractions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Using models and concrete objects, students will record the addition and subtraction of simple fractions through demonstrating equivalence. e.g. ¼ is the same as 2/8 therefore ¼ + 1/8 is the same as 2/8 + 1/8 = 3/8	Expositive / Deliberative

