



www.wilkieway.co.nz The Progression of Materials

Seeing students at work and the delight of witnessing the lightbulb moments when something makes sense makes teaching such a rewarding occupation.

Working with small groups recently I have again been reminded of the importance of the progression of materials used to model concepts. Just like thinking - it starts with counting so counters are the first material.

For example when modelling multiplication as an array, start with counters and students build the array very quickly you can see students who show 4 x 5 as:







When students understand an array represents multiplication then focus on students use of symbols to write the expressions represented by an array.

Students need to connect the repeated addition expressions with multiplication expressions:

4 + 4 + 4 + 4 = 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 4 x 5 = 5 x 4

(equivalent expressions can be connected with an = symbol)

All too often their understanding of = is limited to mean "give the answer". Teachers must ensure they use correct mathematical language and know the difference between an expression and an equation.

Once students can build an array and understand it represents multiplication then fixed arrays can be used like Happy Hundreds boards.

Repeated addition expressions are no longer useful. Students should be using equivalent multiplication expressions and recording would look like:

Recording assists thinking and students need assistance to communicate their thinking.





A diagram can replace the materials - for example the empty array (also formula for area):



26 x 7 = 20 x 7 + 6 x 7 = 140 + 42 = 182

Teachers must focus their thinking at a conceptual level and assist students through use of appropriate materials, words, (oral and written) and symbols and expressions. Making sure you assist students to make the connections between them.

Tell students - they may remember but are more likely to forget Make students think - students construct their own understanding and are more likely to remember

Wilkie Way Membership Area

The directory for the Wilkie Way membership resources has been redesigned as the increase in headings meant too much scrolling. Each item is a link to a range of resources coming under the genaral heading. As many could sit under more than one heading I have put items under more than one heading. So which ever way you look for a resource you are likely to find it. (Sorry a search function was not possible).

Numeracy Games

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Foundation Resources

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Teacher Handbook Resources

Arithmetic Operations Fractions, Decimals, & Percentages Numbers & the Number System (Handbooks available from online store)

Teacher Professional Resources

 Planning
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 Moderation
 Curriculum Knowledge

 Learning Progressions
 Professional Practice

 Professional Readings
 Professional Practice

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Geometric Thinking

Equipment Resources

Addition & Subtraction

Multiplication & Division

Want to know what is behind each of the headings on the directory? Come and have a look for yourself at the PMA Seminar Day in Auckand August 20th 2022 at Ormiston Junior College - not registered yet then go to:

https://pma.org.nz/the-famous-pma-seminar-day/



Learning Support Context of Money

Addition & Subtraction Concept Problems Multiplication & Division Concept Problems

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The bike factory makes bicycles and tricycles. How many bicycles and tricycles could they make using 25 wheels.

4 people took place in a bike race relay. They completed the race in 12 minutes. No one took more than 4 minutes. No one took less than 2.5 minutes. No one took exactly the same time.

How long could each person have taken on their leg of the race?

Mike rode his bike over a distance of 39km in 90 minutes. What was his average speed in kilometres per hour?

If he managed an average speed of 30km per hour how many minutes would it have taken him to cycle 39km

Problems with Bikes

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14 children rode their bikes to school. How many wheels are parked outside the classroom?



(Find all four possibilities)







