

To: Teachers and parents

Topic: Division of whole numbers

Message Objective(s): To instil an awareness among teachers on the importance of using various strategies when teaching division of numbers to ensure deep understand of concept.

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Division has been found to be a serious challenge to learners across phases. This means more time needs to be provided to learners to acquire the intended skills on this topic. Teachers should assist learners with various calculation strategies which provides learners with opportunities to select easier one. While grade 4 focus on 3 by 1 digits grade 5 extend to 3 by 2 digits numbers. Estimation, building up and breaking down numbers should be constantly practised as they form building blocks for this topic. Some problems in context must also be provided to increase learners problem solving skills. Teachers should provide worksheets for learners to work on. Some useful resource materials for reference can be accessed from NECT website cited below. Parents should always monitor that work is done at home and where possible assist the learners.

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Reference: : www.nect.org.za/materials. (links to website documents)