



To: Teachers and parents

Topic: Addition and subtraction of whole numbers (Intermediate phase)

Message Objective(s): To enable teachers to reinforce use of various calculation techniques when performing number operations

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Learners must be able to perform basic calculations involving addition and subtraction with whole numbers up to 6 digits. Teachers should demonstrate a wide range of techniques which includes estimation, column method, building up and breaking down numbers, use of number line and rounding off and compensating among others. The topic should be treated as diagnostic and informational hence use of Mathematical language should be reinforced in each case. Much practice work should be provided to learners for consolidation.

Worksheets with activities to cover the above skills should be prepared in advance by the teacher on the key skills of adding and subtracting, Parents should check and encourage learners to do assigned work in order not to fall behind.

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