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## Term 1

Creating an
effective learning environment

## Weeks

6-10

## Numeracy lesson plans Primary 1 Term 1 <br> Organising the classroom for effective learning

This is the second
in a series of six
numeracy lesson
plan publications, designed to be
used throughout the three academic school terms.

## Foreword

Quality education comes about as a mix of factors. The teacher is the most important element in ensuring that a child acquires the right kind of education to meet acceptable learning outcome benchmarks. It takes a lot to bring a teacher to exhibit the right mix of attitudes, aptitudes and skills, which is why the state has partnered with ESSPIN to develop literacy and numeracy lesson plans.

I hope the lesson plans will empower our teachers to equip our children with the literacy and numeracy skills they need to succeed in both school and society.
Finally, I commend all who have worked hard to develop and produce the lesson plans, especially the Enugu State Universal Basic Education Board, the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the DFID-funded Education Sector Support Programme in Nigeria (ESSPIN).


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## Introduction

The literacy and numeracy lesson plans arising from the School Improvement Programme (SIP) are part of efforts to improve teaching and learning in response to the baseline surveys and classroom observations in 2010. These indicated that teachers had challenges with lesson delivery, which in turn negatively affected children's learning.

The state plans to make the lesson plans available to teachers in all 1,223 public primary schools at the beginning of the 2014/15 school year.

I hereby call on all stakeholders to ensure the lesson plans are put to effective use to improve teaching and learning in our schools.


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Executive Chairman
Enugu State Universal Basic Education Board

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Organising the classroom for effective learning

## Introduction

 Organising the classroom for effective learningOrganising the classroom for effective learning

Your classroom is a flexible space. You can change it to suit the learning activities.

Pupils take part in many different activities during each week, eg: games, role plays, circle discussions, group tasks, copying from the chalkboard, using teaching aids, working with a partner, working alone, etc. All these activities need different ways of organising your classroom, eg:

Tables arranged around the edge of the room so there is a space in the middle for games, songs or role play. Pupils can see each other and this helps communication.

Tables arranged in rows so that the pupils can see the chalkboard. This is useful when they need to see something you have written or drawn on the chalkboard.

## Tables arranged in groups.

This helps pupils to talk together and share ideas. They can see each other clearly and can easily work with one set of number cards or one sheet of paper to produce a joint end product.
Each time you start the day you should think about the activities you need to do and decide if your classroom needs to be arranged differently. Work with the other teachers in your school and cluster, your head teacher and SSO to discuss different ways of arranging your classroom for learning.

Group and pair work

Group and pair work is the basis of a learner-centred classroom, they allow pupils to work together:

To discuss, solve problems or to play learning games.
To find their own way in their learning.
The main benefits of group and pair work are:
More pupils can be active at one time. Pupils can talk and listen to each other, or work on a problem together.
The teacher can walk around the room to monitor what groups and individuals are doing, and can stop with each group to help them with their task. Spending more time with the pupils helps teachers better understand what individual pupils know and can do.

Group work is also one of the best ways of teaching social skills to pupils. While working in groups, pupils are learning a variety of skills including:
Co-operation.
Taking turns.
Listening to others.
Sharing.
Working harmoniously with others.
Solving problems.
The development of these life skills is a major reason why group and pair work is undertaken in most modern classrooms.

## Numeracy lesson plans <br> Primary 1 <br> Term 1 <br> Organising the classroom for effective learning <br> <br> Introduction <br> <br> Introduction <br> <br> Essential low-cost <br> <br> Essential low-cost or free teaching aids

 or free teaching aids}Make a set of large number cards from $0-10$, which you can use for whole class teaching. Pupils will need their own set of number cards from $0-10$ for all five weeks.

## Weeks <br> 6-10

Collect a selection of real coins and notes for the pupils to use, or make sets of money by cutting them out of a cardboard carton and writing different amounts on them. Use the examples in Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, pages 89 and 90 .

Make clocks out of cardboard. Cut large circles and then write the numbers 1-12 on them to make a clock face. Punch a hole in the middle. Cut out two strips of cardboard - one long enough to reach the numbers, and one shorter. Use the hole in the middle to attach the hands to the clock so that they can be moved around.

Ask the pupils to help you collect as many bottle tops, small sticks and small stones as they can. Put them into jars to keep in the classroom and use to help counting.

Mix together a cup of water and flour and boil them together to make glue.

Draw a picture of a mouse. Take a strip of paper and divide it into equal sections from 0-10. Write the numbers on it and stick it on to the mouse to become its tail.

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Introduction
Songs and rhymes for the term

Sunday, Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday /
Thursday, Friday, Saturday /
These are the days
of the week, the days
of the week /
Which day is your
favourite day?

Early in the morning

This is the way I brush my teeth, brush my teeth, brush my teeth /
This is the way I brush my teeth /
Early in the morning.
This is the way I wash my face, wash my face, wash my face /
This is the way I wash my face /
Early in the morning.
This is the way I comb my hair...
This is the way I eat my food...

This is the way I sweep the floor...

10 green bottles

10 green bottles standing on the wall (x2) / If 1 green bottle should accidentally fall / There'd be 9 green bottles standing on the wall / 9 green bottles standing on the wall...
(Repeat until no more bottles are left standing.)

10 juicy oranges

10 juicy oranges sitting in the heat /
Round and orange and ready to eat /
Along came a girl with some money one day /
Bought a juicy orange and took it away.

9 juicy oranges...
8 juicy oranges...
7 juicy oranges..., etc

10 little monkeys
10 little fingers

## 10 little monkeys jumping 1 little

on the bed /
1 fell off and bumped
his head/
2 little,
3 little fingers /
4 little,
Mummy called the doctor, 5 little,
The doctor said /
'No more monkeys jumping on the bed'

9 little monkeys...
8 little monkeys..
7 little monkeys..., etc

6 little fingers /
7 little,
8 little,
9 little fingers /
10 little fingers
(clap, clap, clap)



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## Week 6

Money
Day 1

## Naira and Kobo

|  | 15 <br> minutes |
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| Learning outcomes | Daily practice |
| By the end of the lesson, most <br> pupils will be able to: | Group task |
| Order numbers 0-10. | Give each group a mixed set <br> of objects. |
| Identify that money is used to <br> buy things. <br> into groups. |  |
| Identify different types of Nigerian <br> notes and coins. | Ask pupils to count the number <br> of objects in each group, and <br> to order the groups by the number <br> of objects, ie: the group with |
| the most objects first; the group |  |
| with fewest objects last. |  |

## Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to show their picture and read the sentence you have written underneath.

Lesson
title

## Sorting money

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| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Group task | Group task |  | Whole class teaching |
| Give each group a mixed set of money. | Ask each group to look closely at their money and discuss the pictures they can see on the notes. | Experts will show their money to the pupils who come to them, pointing out the different pictures and writing their group found. | Ask one expert from each group to bring their |
| Ask pupils to sort their money by colour. |  |  | money back to you <br> Ask the class to tell |
| Ask them to take their money and stand in new | Ask groups to examine their notes very closely so that they know all the different pictures, numbers and writing on them. |  | you what they know about each note. |
| groups, arranged by the colour of the money they are holding. |  | around the room looking at other groups' money and asking the experts. | Ask how many notes they have to give you, and count them with the rest |
| Tell pupils to return to their groups and sort their money in any different way they choose. | Ask each group to choose one or two 'experts' to remain in their corner with the notes they have been looking at. | After a few minutes, ask all pupils to return to their own groups. <br> Ask them to explain | of the class. <br> Repeat with each expert until you have all of the money again. |
| Ask each group: 'How did you sort the money?' | Explain that everyone else will go around the room, visiting other experts and looking | to their group the different money they have seen, sharing as many details as possible about each note. |  |

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## Week 6

Money
Day 3

Lesson

## Shopping



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Confidently count from 0—10.
Connect money with value.
Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have ready large number cards from 1-10.

Have ready the set of real or model money from Day 1.

Prepare a shopping corner and stick a note or place a coin by each object to show its price.

15
minutes | Song

Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to sing '10 little monkeys', doing the actions and using the number cards.
Repeat with different pupils playing the monkeys.

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| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Group task |  | Whole class teaching |
| Give a note or a coin to each pupil. | Ask the pupils to take their note or coin to their group. | Tell the class that their objective is to buy as many objects as they can from other groups. <br> Ask them to move around the room, buying objects from other groups and taking each object back to their leader. | Ask each group leader to show the class how |
| Show the class one of the objects and explain that | Distribute the objects, giving several to each group. |  | many objects they have bought, bringing them |
| in order to buy the object they need a note or coin that matches the one next to the object. | Ask groups to choose a leader, who will stay at the table and keep the objects they buy. |  | them as they hand them back to you. |
| Ask who can buy the object with their note or coin. |  |  |  |
| Invite that person to come and give you the appropriate note or coin. |  | Ask them to draw one of the objects they have bought and a picture of the note or coin they used next to it. |  |
| Give them the object in exchange. |  |  |  |
| Repeat with the other objects, giving a few pupils a turn. |  |  |  |

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Money
Day 4

## Buying and selling

15
minutes Macmillan
New Primary
Mathematics 1

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Count from 0—10.
Use money to buy an object.
Use the language of money and shopping.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Read Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 26.

Have the objects from Day 3 that have prices on them.
Have the sets of real or model money ready.
Have ready a selection of pieces of cloth and bags and baskets for role play.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Draw a number line from 0-10 on the chalkboard and ask pupils to remind you how to use it to count.

Draw a number of objects on the chalkboard and ask a pupil to draw a line joining the objects with the correct number.

Repeat with different numbers of objects.
Ask the pupils to turn to Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 26 and complete it with the whole class, asking individuals for the answers.
| 25
minutes

## Main activity

## Group task

Give shopping objects, cloth and bags to each group.

Ask each group to practise a short role play about shopping.

Ask them to think about who is involved, what they want to buy and who they are buying it from.

## Group task

Show the class the objects from yesterday, and explain that the prices have changed.
Tell them the new prices.
Give each group a set of money.

Show an object to the class and ask who can buy an object from you. Give groups time to work out how to make the price.

Invite one pupil with the correct amount of money to come up and 'buy' the object from you.
Show the class how the pupil has made the amount with the money they have.

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## Week 6

Money
Day 5

## What could I <br> buy with?

15
minutes

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Count forwards and backwards along a number line from 0-10.
Connect objects with their value.
Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have counters available in sets of 20, one set for each group in your class.

Have objects of different shapes.
Have sets of money from previous days.

Write $5,10,15$ and 20 on the chalkboard.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Give the pupils 5 minutes to draw a number line from 0-10 in their exercise books.

Hold up two number cards and ask the pupils which is the smallest number.

Ask them to put their fingers on that number and jump along the line until they reach the biggest number, counting as they do it.
Repeat, but this time start from the biggest number and jump along the line to the smallest number.

After they have done this with four or five different pairs of numbers, start to ask them: 'How many jumps are you making each time?'

## Introduction

## Group task

Show the class one of the Naira notes they have been using

Ask them how many sides it has, and how many corners.

Ask if anyone can
remember what this shape is called.

Give each group one
of the objects they have
been using
Ask them to discuss and
decide what shape it is.

## Main activity

## Individual task

Ask each group to show their object and tell you what shape it is, and why they think it is that shape.

Ask each pupil to draw a line down the middle of a page in their exercise books.

## Ask the class to tell you

 the biggest amount of money they can think of and the smallest amount of money they can think of and you write them on the chalkboard.Ask them to write the largest amount on one side of their page and the smallest amount on the other side of their page.

## Plenary

## Whole class teaching

Ask each pupil to tell you one thing they have learned about money during this week.

Ask some pupils to show the class some the things they have drawn.

## Discuss with the class

 whether there are any objects they have drawn which would cost much more or less than the amount of money they have written.


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## Week 7

Sets of 10
Day 1

## The number 10

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Make sets of 10 .

Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Collect different objects in
groups of 10.
Read Macmillan New Primary
Mathematics 1, page 27.


15
15
minutes

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to tell you anything they can remember about money from last week.

Write their ideas on the chalkboard.


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## Week 7

Sets of 10
Day 2

## Collecting

numbers

| Learning outcomes | Daily practice |  |
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| By the end of the lesson, most <br> pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching |  |
| Write the number 10. | Show some money to the pupils <br> and ask who can recognise it. |  |
| Find numbers in the environment. | Ask if anyone can tell you <br> what colour it is, or any other way <br> in which they recognised it. |  |
| Recognise Nigerian money. | Repeat with some different notes. <br> Teaching aids | Ask pupils to choose their <br> favourite note or coin and draw <br> it in their exercise books. |
| Before the lesson: |  |  |
| Collect different objects in sets <br> of 10. |  |  |
| Have sets of money from <br> previous lessons. |  |  |


| 10 <br> minutes | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  |  |
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| Introduction | Main activity |  |  |
| Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching |  | Individual task |
| Lead the class in drawing the number 10 in the air. | Take the pupils outside with their exercise books and walk around the school compound. | When you get back to the classroom ask pupils to count how many numbers they found and tell you the answer. | Ask pupils to write the number 10 in their exercise books 10 times. |
| Ask pupils to draw a number 10 on their |  |  | books 10 times. <br> Ask pupils to draw |
| partner's back. | If you see any numbers between 0 and 10, stop and ask the pupils why that number is there, eg: it shows the number of the class. |  | 10 objects underneath |
| Draw a number 10 on the chalkboard. |  | Ask them which number is their favourite and why. | Ask pairs to swap books to count one another's objects and that they have written '10' 10 times. |
| If the number 10 is written anywhere else in the |  |  |  |
| room, ask pupils to point it out to you. | Ask the pupils to write that number in their exercise books and continue your walk. |  |  |

## Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to tell you anything they know about the number 10.

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Sets of 10
Day 3

|  | 15 <br> minutes |
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| Learning outcomes | Daily practice |
| By the end of the lesson, most <br> pupils will be able to: | Group task <br> Give out sets of money <br> to groups. |
| Make sets of 10. | Ask them to put the money in <br> a line in order of value. |
| Explain the relationship <br> between coins. | Share answers among <br> the groups and see if every- <br> one agrees. |
| Teaching aids |  |
| Before the lesson: |  |
| Collect sets of different objects, <br> with 10 in each set. |  |
| Have the sets of money from <br> previous lessons. |  |

## Introduction

Whole class teaching
Show the class the objects you have by spreading them on a table or on the floor. Ask if a pupil can come to the front and help you make a set of 10 of the same object.

Encourage the class to count the objects with the pupil, and congratulate them when they make a set of 10 .

## Repeat three or

four times, with different pupils making sets of
10 of different objects.

25
minutes

## Main activity

Pair task
Explain to pupils that they will be going outside in pairs.

Tell them that they will be collecting sets of 10 of any objects they can find. If they can, they should bring their sets of 10 back to the classroom - if not, they need to remember what they collected 10 of.

Give them a clear time limit and tell them where you will be while they are looking for objects.
Send them outside to look for objects.
Make sure you give them a warning when they have 1 minute to return to the classroom.

Ask pairs to count how many sets of 10 they have made.

If possible, ask pairs to store their sets of 10 in their desks.

## Plenary

## Whole class teaching

Ask all pupils to stand up in their pairs.

Say that any pairs who collected no sets of 10 should sit down.

Say that any pairs
who collected one set of 10 should sit down.

Each time a pair sits down, congratulate them.
Continue until you have found out how many sets of 10 have been collected. Congratulate the pair who collected the most sets of 10 and ask them to tell the class what their sets were.

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## Week 7

Sets of 10
Day 4

Lesson

## Sets of 10



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Write the number 10.
Identify sets of 10.

Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Prepare a sand tray.
Have a selection of 10 objects to use for counting.

15
15
minutes

## Daily practice

## Pair task

Say the rhyme '10 juicy oranges'.
Bring 10 pupils to stand at the front of the class as the 'oranges' and one as a market trader. Give another 10 pupils a note or coin.

When you get to the line 'bought a juicy orange', one of the pupils holding money should give it to the market trader, take the hand of one of the oranges and take it away.
Play two or three times so all pupils get a turn.

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| Introduction | Main activity | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Pair task | Group task |
| Sing the counting song '10 little fingers'. | Demonstrate writing the number 10 on | Ask pairs to swap their work with other pairs |
| Sing the song again, using toes instead of fingers. | the chalkboard. Ask pupils to write it in their exercise books. | in their group and make sure they agree on the answers. |
| Ask the pupils to 'write' the numbers from $0-10$, using as many different parts of their body as possible. | While they are doing this call out each pair of pupils to come and write the numbers 0-10 in the sand tray and count the correct number of objects for each number. |  |

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## Week 7

Sets of 10
Day 5

## Using bundles of 10

15
minutes


| 10 minutes | 25 minutes |  |  | Song |
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| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Group task | Pair task |  | Whole class teaching |  |
| Call out a number between 0 and 10 and ask pupils to make a group statue of that number. | Give each pair 20 counters. <br> Point to a random number on the chalkboard and ask each pair to make a set of that number using their counters, putting 10 counters into one set and the rest as single counters | When they have made all of the numbers, ask them to collect all of their objects together on their tables. | Sing '10 little monkeys' with the class. |  |
| Ask each group to show their statues to the rest of the class. |  |  |  |  |
| Repeat for four or five |  |  |  |  |
|  | Give them some time to count the number of counters. |  |  |  |
|  | Ask them to change places with the pair next to them and check that they have the correct number. |  |  |  |

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## Week 8

Length
Day 1

15
minutes

## Long and short



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Count forwards and backwards from 10 using a number line.
Use the terms 'long' and 'short' to describe objects.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Collect different objects in sets of 10 .

Have ready number cards from 0—10

Read Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 98.
Collect similar objects of different lengths, eg: sticks, pencils, bottles, books.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Lead the pupils in counting and showing 10 fingers.
Count one of your sets of 10 in front of the class. They can join in with the counting.

Invite a pupil to the front to lead the class in counting another set of 10 objects.
Give out the numbers $0-10$ to some pupils and ask them to stand in the correct order, from 0-10.

Ask individual pupils to come out and count along the number line, forwards from 0-10 and backwards from $10-0$, touching the numbers as they count.

Keep changing the pupils holding the numbers so they don't get tired.

## Introduction

Macmillan New Primary
Mathematics 1 draw two large circles on around and collect as many

## Main activity

Pair task
Take the pupils outside and ask each pair to the ground with a stick.
Ask each pair to look objects as they can.
Ask them to decide which objects are short and which are long.都

Help the pupils to
describe the longer object
as 'long' and the shorter
object as 'short'.
Ask the pupils at the
front to hold their objects up in turn and lead
the class in saying 'long' and 'short'.

Repeat with different objects.

## Whole class teaching

Ask two pupils to come to the front. Give each one a similar object of different length and ask them to show them to the class.

Ask the pupils whether they are the same ength or not.

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## Tall and short



By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Draw a number line from 0-10.
Recognise numbers from 0-10.
Use the terms 'tall' and 'short' to compare height.

Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have one pair of long and short objects ready from Day 1.

15
minutes

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Draw a number line from 0-10 on the chalkboard, missing out two or three numbers.

Ask the pupils to copy it into their exercise books and write in the missing numbers.
Explain that they can use counters to help them think.

When everyone has completed the task, ask individual pupils to come out and write the missing numbers on your number line on the chalkboard.

| 10 <br> minutes |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Introduction <br> Whole class teaching |  |
| Show the class a pair <br> of long and short objects <br> from Day 1. | Ask two pupils to come <br> to the front of the room: <br> choose one who is short <br> and one who is tall. |
| Ask if anyone can <br> remember the words to <br> describe their length. | Explain that they are 'tall' <br> and 'short'. Encourage <br> the class to say the new <br> words with you. |
| Encourage the class <br> to use the words 'long' <br> and 'short'. |  |
| Explain that there are <br> different words to <br> describe the height of <br> people or objects. |  |

25
minutes

## Main activity

Pair task
Ask pairs to stand next to one another and decide who is tall and who is short.
If they find it hard to decide, tell them to stand back to back and ask another pupil to check who is tall and who is short.
Ask some pairs to tell the class who is tall and who is short.

Whole class teaching
Take the class outside.
Ask them to line up in order, from tallest to shortest.
Let them discuss and work out their heights for themselves.

Praise the class and explain that they have organised themselves by height

## Plenary

Whole class teaching
Ask if any pupils can see anything around them that they could describe as 'tall' or 'short'.
If they find this difficult, ask if they can think of things that they have seen, or guide them to look at trees and buildings.

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## Week 8

Length
Day 3

## Comparing height and length



Find missing numbers in a number line from 0-10.

Use the terms 'longer' and 'shorter' to describe the length of similar objects.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Read Macmillan New Primary
Mathematics 1, page 11, Exercise 1.
Write the words 'long', 'short', 'tall' and 'short' on the chalkboard.
Have the pairs of objects from Day 1.
Read Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 99.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to look at Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 11, Exercise 1. Ask them to tell you which numbers are missing in the second diagram.
Tell the pupils to complete the last two diagrams in Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 11, Exercise 1 in their exercise books.

## Introduction

Whole class teaching
Show the class a pair of objects: one short, one long.

Point to the words on the chalkboard and lead the class in saying 'short' and 'long'.
Explain that to compare objects we add 'er' at the end of the word, eg: 'The pencil is longer than the stick.'
'The pencil is shorter than the book.'

Add 'er' to the words on the chalkboard, making the new words 'shorter' and 'longer'. Lead the class in saying the new words. Ask a tall and short pupil to come to the front of the room. Point to the words on the chalkboard and lead the class in saying 'tall' and 'short'.

Explain that they can also add 'er' to tall and short to compare height.
Ask a pupil to change the words on the chalkboard so they now read 'taller' and 'shorter'.

## 25 <br> minutes <br> Macmillan New Primary

 Mathematics 1
## Main activity

## Group task

Ask each group to discuss Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 99 and say which object is longer and which is shorter in each box.
Make sure they are using the words with 'er' at the end.

## Plenary

## Whole class teaching

$\overline{\text { Ask individual pupils to tell }}$ the class their answers.

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## Week 8

Length
Day 4

Lesson
title

## Comparing length



Identify missing numbers
from 0-10.
Compare the length of three objects using 'long', 'longer' and 'longest'.


## Before the lesson:

Make a set of number cards from
$1-10$ shaped as bottles.
Have ready a set of three objects of different lengths.
Make six flash cards: 'Tong', 'longer', 'longest', 'short', 'shorter' and 'shortest'.
Read Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 100.

15
minutes Song

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Give out the bottle cards and ask pupils to hold them in the correct order.

Sing the song '10 green bottles.'
At the end of each verse ask the pupil holding the highest number to sit down. Continue until the end of the song.
Put the numbers in a pile. Take one number out of the pile, without letting the pupils see which number.
Give out the remaining numbers and ask the pupils to stand in order, leaving a space for the missing number.
Ask a pupil to tell you the missing number. Repeat, removing different numbers each time.

## Introduction

Whole class teaching
Ask two pupils to
come out and hold the
two shortest objects.
Ask them what words
they could use to describe
their length and write
their answers on the chalkboard.

Give two different pupils the flash cards 'long' and 'longer' and ask them to come out and hold their card next to the correct object.
Ask the pupils to say something about each object's length, eg:
'The stick is long.'
'The stick is longer.'

Give the third object to another pupil and ask them to come out and hold it up.
Hold up the 'longest' card and explain that this word describes the third object which is longer than the other two.
Give the objects to three different pupils, and ask them to stand in order of length. Ask individual pupils to come out, give each object the correct label and read each word.

Repeat the activity, using
the flash cards 'short', 'shorter' and 'shortest'.

## 25 <br> minutes <br> Macmillan New Primary

 Mathematics 1
## Main activity

## Group task

Ask groups to complete Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 100 , using a counter to show the longest and the shortest items.

## Plenary

## Whole class teaching

Ask pupils to tell you what they have circled, using the words 'longest' and 'shortest' in their answers.

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## Week 8

Length
Day 5

## Measuring length

|  | 15 minutes |
| :---: | :---: |
| Learning outcomes | Daily practice |
| By the end of the lesson, mo | Whole class teaching |
| pupils will be able to: | Give the pupils 0-10 number lines. |
| Use a number line to answer simple questions. | Ask them to use their fingers to count forwards and backwards |
| Use words correctly to compare | between 0 and 10. |
| ength and height. | Ask them questions which they need to use the number line |
| Teaching aids | to answer, eg: |
|  | 'Which number is after 3?' <br> 'Which number is before 10?' |
| Before the lesson: | 'Which number is more than 5 ?', |
| Read Macmillan New Primary |  |
| Mathematics 1, page 100. |  |
| Prepare 0-10 number lines for the pupils. |  |


| $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}$ | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Individual task | Whole class teaching |
| Using the flash cards and objects from Day 4, remind the pupils how to order objects using the terms 'long', 'longer' and 'longest', 'short', 'shorter' and 'shortest'. | Ask the pupils to draw three objects of different length and label them 'long', 'longer' and 'longest'. <br> Ask them to repeat the exercise, labelling the objects 'short', ‘shorter' and 'shortest'. <br> Ask the pupils to draw three trees of different height in their exercise books and label them 'tall', 'taller' and 'tallest'. | Ask pupils to share their pictures with the rest of the class. |




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## Week 9

Days of the week Day 1

## Day and night

|  | 15 minutes |
| :---: | :---: |
| Learning outcomes | Daily practice |
| By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: | Whole class teaching |
| Identify the differences between day and night. | the chalkboard. |
| Understand the meaning of the phrase 'more than'. | circle and one pupil to stand in the other circle. |
| Teaching aids | Tell the pupils that the circle with five pupils has 'more than' the circle with one pupil. |
| Before the lesson: | Repeat with different numbers of pupils in each circle. |
| Draw four columns on the chalkboard and write the following headings in each column: 'morning', 'afternoon', 'evening', 'night'. | Ask them: 'Which circle has more pupils?' |
| Draw two chalk circles on the floor, large enough to fit up to | sentence: 'This circle has more than that circle.' |



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## Week 9

Days of the week Day 2

Lesson
title

15
minutes

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Identify activities people do at different times of the day.
Understand the phrase 'less than'.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Cut a large selection of pictures from newspapers and calendars which show people doing activities, eg: eating, playing, farming.
Make a set of flash cards for each group: 'morning', 'afternoon', 'evening' and 'night.'
Have ready the back of an
old calendar for each group and a small amount of glue.

Draw two large circles on the floor, big enough to fit up to five pupils.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Write the term 'less than' on the chalkboard
Ask five pupils to stand in one circle and one pupil to stand in the other circle.
Tell the pupils that the circle with one pupil has 'less than' the circle with five pupils.
Repeat, with different numbers of pupils in each circle.
Ask them: 'Which circle has less pupils?'

They should answer using the sentence: 'This circle has less than that circle.'

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Group task | Whole class teaching |
| Introduce the words morning, afternoon, evening and night and write them on the chalkboard. | Give each group a set of flash cards and a set of pictures. | Ask each group to show their picture to the rest of the class and explain it in their local language. |
| Explain to the pupils that these words describe different times of the day and night. | match the picture to the flash card, eg: a picture of someone sleeping would be matched with |  |
| Ask individual pupils to tell you one thing they do in the morning, one thing they do in the afternoon, one thing they do in the evening and one thing they do at night. | the 'night' flash card. <br> Give each group an old calendar and ask them to divide it into four boxes. <br> Tell them to stick one card - 'morning', 'afternoon', 'evening' or 'night' at the |  |
| Write their answers next to the appropriate words on the chalkboard. | top of each box. <br> Ask them to stick the pictures under the correct headings to make one large picture. |  |

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Week 9
Days of the week Day 3

## Times of the day

15
minutes

## Learning outcomes <br> By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:

Identify activities people do at different times of the day.

Use the phrase 'is more than' to compare numbers.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Place the words 'morning', 'afternoon', 'evening' and 'night' around the room.
Have ready a set of number cards $0-10$ and 10 counters for each pair.
Draw two large circles on the floor, big enough to fit up to five pupils.
Make a flash card: 'is more than' for each pair.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Repeat the activity from Days 1 and 2 , asking the pupils to use either 'less than' or 'more than' to describe the difference between the two circles.

Show them the flash card 'is more than' and help them to read it.
Give each pair a set of number cards and 10 counters.
Ask them to put two cards in front of them on the table and put the correct number of counters by each number.
Ask them to decide which number 'is more than' the other and put the flash card in the middle so it reads, eg: ' 6 is more than 4 '.
Ask them to repeat the activity two or three times.


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## Week 9

Days of the week Day 4

## Days of the week

Lesson
title

15
minutes


By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Sequence the names of the days of the week.

Use the phrase 'is less than' to compare numbers.

## Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Write the names of the days of the week on the chalkboard.

Have ready a set of number cards $0-10$ and 10 counters for each pair.
Draw two large chalk circles on the floor, as in previous days.

Make a flash card 'is less than' for each pair.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Repeat the activity from Days 1 and 2 , this time asking the pupils to use either 'less than' or 'more than' to describe the difference between the two circles.

Show them the flash card 'is less than' and help them to read it.
Give each pair a set of number cards and 10 counters.

Ask them to put two cards in front of them on the table and put the correct number of counters by each number.
Ask them to decide which number 'is less than' the other and put the flash card in the middle so it reads, eg: ' 4 is less than 6'.
Ask them to repeat the activity two or three times.

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes }\end{aligned}\right.$ | Rhyme |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching | Individual task | Whole class teaching | Whole class teaching |  |
| Ask pupils to tell you what they have learned about a day over the last few days, eg: it is broken up into different times. | Ask pupils to choose one day and draw a picture of something they do on that day. | Ask all the pupils who have drawn Monday to stand in one place, all the pupils who have drawn Tuesday to stand in another place, etc so you have a group for all or most days of the week. | Say the 'Days of the week' rhyme. |  |
| Ask them to think why we might need to break days up into different times. | Go round the class and ask pupils to tell you (in their local language) what their picture is about. |  |  |  |
| Get them to tell you how a week is broken up, ie: into seven days, five days of work and two days at the weekend. |  | Ask the groups to stand in order from Sunday to Saturday. <br> If any days are missing ask them to tell you which ones. |  |  |
| Ask them to tell you the names of the days of the week and you write them on the chalkboard as they say them. |  |  |  |  |

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## Week 9

Days of the week Day 5

## Days of the week songs and rhymes

|  | 15 minutes |
| :---: | :---: |
| Learning outcomes | Daily practice |
| By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to: | Pair task |
| Order the days of the week. | numbers one at a time in the order |
| Understand the terms 'is less than' and 'is more than'. | that they are written: <br> 83 <br> 24 <br> 97 |
| Teaching aids | $\begin{aligned} & 72 \\ & 45 \end{aligned}$ |
| Before the lesson: | Ask the pupils to find the correct number cards and then make those |
| Write the names of the days of the week in random order on the chalkboard. | numbers using their counters. <br> Ask them to use the correct flash card in the middle of |
| Have ready a set of number cards $0-10$ and 10 counters for each pair. | the two numbers to compare the size of each group, eg: ' 8 is more than 3 ' |
| Have ready flash cards 'is less than' and 'is more than' for each pair. | 2 is less than ${ }^{\text {' }}$ |


| 10 minutes | Rhyme | 25 minutes |  | 10 minutes | Rhyme |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction |  | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching |  | Whole class teaching | Ask them to tell you what amount of time each circle represents. (One week.) | Whole class teaching |  |
| Say the 'Days of the week' rhyme with the pupils and ask them to tell you which is their favourite day of the week. |  | Ask the pupils to draw a large circle to fill a page of their exercise books. |  | Say know the w | rhymes they bout the days of k. |
|  |  | Ask them to write the numbers 1-7 around | Ask if anyone can tell you where another circle |  |  |
| Say the rhyme again and this time ask the pupils to point to the name of each day on the chalkboard as you say them. |  | the circle and underneath each number write a day of the week. | is used to tell the time. (A clock face.) |  |  |
|  |  | Tell them it doesn't matter which day they start with but the days should then follow in the correct order. |  |  |  |
|  |  | Ask them if they can tell you why they have drawn the days in a circle. (The pattern of the days repeats each week.) |  |  |  |

Week
10
Number lines
0-10

| Words/phrases | Assessment |
| :---: | :---: |
| today is tomorrow is yesterday was | During the lesson, walk round the classroom and ask questions to |
| What day is it today? match | see if the pupils clearly understand what you |
| rder | have taught them. If not, |
| Sunday | help them to understand |
| Monday | by explaining the idea |
| Tuesday | to them again, or asking |
| Wednesday | other pupils to help them. |
| Thursday | You may need to use |
| Friday | some different examples |
| Saturday | of the idea. | of the idea.

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Week 10
Number lines
0—10
Day 1

## Missing numbers

Lesson
title

15
minutes

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Identify things they do in
the mornings.
Identify missing numbers on a number line.

Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Read Macmillan New Primary
Mathematics 1, page 18,
Exercise D.
Have ready a set of number cards from 0-10 for each group.
Have ready counters for each group.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Sing the song 'Early in the morning' with the pupils and do the actions to match the words.

Ask the pupils to think of different things they do in the mornings and write their ideas on the chalkboard.
Make these actions into new verses and sing them together.

| $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  | 25 minutes | Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction |  | Main activity |  |
| Whole class teaching |  | Group task | Individual task |
| Give out the number cards and ask 10 pupils to come and stand at the front with a number card from $0-10$, in the correct order. | Ask individual pupils to tell you which three numbers have been hidden. <br> Repeat two or three times with different numbers and | Give each group a set of number cards. <br> Ask the groups to put the number cards in order from 0-10 and lay them | Ask the pupils to complete Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 18, Exercise D, writing the numbers in their exercise |
| Ask someone to come out and count forwards and backwards along the number line, pointing to each number as they say it. | dif | on the table. <br> Ask them to put the correct number of counters by each number. <br> Tell them to put all the |  |
| Ask three pupils to hide their numbers so the rest of the class can't see them. |  | numbers in a pile, face down on the table, and take two numbers out of the pile without looking at them. <br> Ask the groups to put the remaining numbers in order and decide which numbers are missing. |  |

Introduction
Whole class teaching
Give out the number cards and ask 10 pupils to come and stand at the front with a number card from 0 -10, in the correct order.

Ask someone to come out and count forwards and backwards along the number line, pointing each number as they

Ask three pupils to hide their numbers so the rest of the class can't see them.
 have been hidden.

Repeat two or three times with different numbers and different pupils.

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Week 10
Number lines
0-10
Day 2

15
minutes

## Matching numbers to 10

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Identify daily activities of different groups of people.
Match numerals to numbers
of objects

Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Make a set of flash cards:
'footballer', 'mum', 'schoolgirl', 'farmer', 'market trader',
'ocada driver'.
Read Macmillan New Primary
Mathematics 1, page 28,
Exercise 1.
Have ready a selection
of counters.

## Daily practice

## Group task

Divide the pupils into groups and give each group a flash card.
Ask them to decide what that person would do on Mondays.
Tell them to make up a mime that shows what that person does.
Ask the other groups to guess what job they are miming.

| 10 minutes | 25 minutes | Macmillan <br> New Primary <br> Mathematics 1 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Individual task |  | Whole class teaching |
| Have a pile of number cards face down on the table. | Ask pupils to complete Macmillan New Primary Mathematics 1, page 28, Exercise 1, using their fingers and counters to match the numbers. |  | Go through the exercise with the pupils and check that they understood how to match the numbers. |
| Ask a pupil to come out and choose a number from the pile. |  |  |  |
| Ask another pupil to tell you what that number is, and to choose the correct number of pupils to come out and stand by it. |  |  |  |
| Ask the rest of the class to check they are correct. |  |  |  |
| $\overline{\text { Repeat for different numbers }}$ and with different pupils. |  |  |  |
| Hand out all the cards and ask the pupils to stand in the correct order, from 0-10. |  |  |  |

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Week 10
Number lines
0-10
Day 3

## Making number <br> lines

Lesson

15
minutes

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Identify activities for each day of the week.

Draw a number line.
Order numbers from 0-10 on a number line.

Teaching aids

## Before the lesson:

Have ready the sets of number cards from 0-10 for each group.
Draw a chalk line across the floor.
Prepare the materials to make 'number line mice' with the pupils, following the instructions in the introduction.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Ask the pupils to sing the 'Days of the week' song.

Ask the pupils to say the days mentioned in the song they sing.
Tell the pupils what you as a teacher do on each day of the week.

Ask individual pupils to briefly say what they do on each of the days.

| 10 minutes | 25 <br> minutes |  | 10 minutes | Song |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |  |
| Whole class teaching | Group task | Individual task | Whole | class teaching |
| Have the pile of number cards face down on the table. | Give each group a set of number cards and ask them to mix them up and put them in a pile on the table. | Help pupils to make a 'number line mouse'. <br> Ask them to write 0 on one end. | Sing a counting song that the pupils enjoy, and do the actions. |  |
| Ask a pupil to come out and choose a number from the pile. | Ask them to decide which end of the table is 0 and which end is 10 . | Call out numbers from $0-10$ in any order, and ask pupils to write the numbers in the place where they think they should go. |  |  |
| Ask them to stand on the chalk line in the place where they think that number would go, eg: if it is 5 they would stand in the middle of the line. | Instruct the pupils to pick a card and place it in the correct place between 0 and 10. |  |  |  |
| Repeat until all 10 numbers are on the number line. | Ask the groups to repeat this until they have all the numbers in the correct order. | Ask each pupil to compare their answers with another pupil to see if they are correct. |  |  |
| Ask the rest of the pupils if the numbers are in the correct order. |  |  |  |  |

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Week 10
Number lines
0-10
Day 4

## Ordering

Lesson
title

15
minutes

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson, most pupils will be able to:
Order the days of the week.
Order the numbers from 1—10 on a number line.

## Teaching aids

Before the lesson:
Have ready flash cards of the days of the week.
Have ready sets of number cards from $0-10$, enough for every pupil to have a number card.

Have ready the pupils' 'number line mice' from the previous day.

## Daily practice

## Whole class teaching

Hand out the flash cards to the pupils.

Ask them to come out and stand in the correct order of the days of the week.
Show the pupils the flash cards in random order and ask them to tell you which day each card says.
Introduce the language:
Today is
Tomorrow is
Yesterday was _

| 10 minutes | Song |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  | 10 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction |  |  | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching |  |  | Whole class teaching | Individual task | Pair task |
| Sing a counting song. |  | Ask individual pupils | Ask pupils to find the number line mouse they made on Day 3. | Write the following numbers on the chalkboard and ask pupils to write them in order from the smallest to the biggest, using the number line to help them: $5,2,7,8,3,9,1$. | Ask pairs to compare their answers and check they have written the numbers in the correct order. |
| Give out the number cards and ask the pupils to come and stand in the correct order, from 0-10. |  | the following questions: <br> 'Which numbers are bigger |  |  |  |
|  |  | than 6?' | Ask them to put their fingers on the number 1 and jump along to number 10 , saying the name of each number as they touch it. |  |  |
|  |  | 'Tell me a number which is less than 4.' |  |  |  |
|  |  | 'Tell me a number which is more than 7.' |  |  |  |
|  |  | 'Which numbers are smaller than 3?' | Repeat from different starting points. |  |  |
|  |  | 'Which number comes before 5?' | starting points. <br> Ask them to use |  |  |
|  |  | 'Which number comes after 8?' | Ask them to use their fingers to point to the following: |  |  |
|  |  |  | The number that comes after: 4, 7, 3, 9, 2, 6 . |  |  |
|  |  |  | The number that comes before: 5, 6, 2, 3, 9, 8. |  |  |

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## Week 10

Number lines
0-10
Day 5

## Ordering numbers

| Learning outcomes |
| :--- |
| By the end of the lesson, |
| most pupils will be able to: |
| Write the names of the days |
| of the week. |
| Order the days of the week. |
| Order numbers from $0-10$. |
| Teaching aids |

## Before the lesson:

Have ready a set of days of the week flash cards for each group.

Have ready a set of seven blank flash cards for each group.

15
minutes

## Daily practice

## Group task

Divide the pupils into groups of seven.

Give each group a set of days of the week flash cards and a set of seven blank cards.

Ask each pupil in the group
to write a different day of
the week on the blank card and draw a picture of something that happens on that day.

Ask the pupils in each
group to arrange the days in the correct order.

Display the cards they have made around the classroom.

| $\begin{array}{l\|l} 10 & \text { Song } \\ \text { minutes } \end{array}$ | 25 minutes |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & 10 \\ & \text { minutes } \end{aligned}\right.$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduction | Main activity |  | Plenary |
| Whole class teaching | Individual task |  | Whole class teaching |
| Sing '10 little monkeys' and do the actions to match the words. | Ask pupils to draw a line in their exercise books, writing 0 at one end and 10 at the other. | Call out the numbers from $0-9$ at random and ask pupils to write down the number which comes after each number that you say. | Call out a number and ask the pupils to get into groups of that number. |
|  | Write five numbers on the chalkboard and ask the pupils to put those numbers | Call out the numbers from 1-10 at random and ask pupils to write down the number which comes before each number that you say. | If there are any pupils left over, ask them to stand by you until you call the next number. |
|  | in the correct order on the line. |  | Repeat four or five times. |
|  | Ask them to complete the number line by filling in the missing numbers. | Move around the class and see which pupils have understood and can do the task. |  |
|  | Write the following on the chalkboard: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9. |  |  |
|  | Ask pupils to write these numbers on a new number line and then fill in the missing numbers. | Make a note of those who can't do the task, so that they can be given extra support during the next two weeks' work on number lines. |  |

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