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Overview

Purpose

This is the eighth of twelve Grade R Mathematics Improvement Programme workshops, which form part of the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) Grade R Mathematics and Language Improvement Project.

The purpose of this workshop is to continue assisting teachers to implement the Maths Programme in their classrooms. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their observations. They will explore how the guiding principles of teaching maths in Grade R should inform their planning, teaching and assessment. They will also consider learner progress, and individual developmental and learning needs. The workshop explores the content for Term 3 Weeks 4–6 and its classroom implementation.

References to the Grade R Mathematics Content Areas are taken from the *Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS): Grade R Mathematics (Final Draft)*, 2011, Department of Basic Education, South Africa.

Learning outcomes

- ◆ To reflect on the implementation of Term 3 Weeks 1–3
- ◆ To explore play-based strategies to support teaching maths in Grade R
- ◆ To deepen the understanding of the Maths Programme’s topics
- ◆ To reflect on challenges and find solutions to implementing the Maths Programme
- ◆ To map out the Maths Programme content to be taught in Term 3 Weeks 4–6

Workshop content

- ◆ Opening and reflection (1 hour)
 - ◆ Session 1: Measurement (1 hour)
- TEA
- ◆ Session 2: Measurement (continued) (1 hour)
 - ◆ Session 3: Revisiting Grade R maths topics (1 hour)
- LUNCH
- ◆ Session 4: Planning for teaching (1½ hours)
 - ◆ Closing activities (30 minutes)

Opening and reflection

1 hour

Here is the *Take back to school* task from Workshop 7.



Take back to school task (Workshop 7)

1. Use the Term 3 Weekly Planning Template in Appendix A to plan and implement Term 3 Weeks 1–3 of the Maths Programme.
2. Document how you used the '**Check that learners are able to**' observation list (in the eye box) during each of the teacher-guided activities.
3. Write an evaluation of what worked well, what did not work so well and what you could do differently to improve teaching and learning.
4. Bring your evaluation to the next workshop.



Activity 1

1. In your group, share your successes and challenges with implementing the Maths Programme in Term 3 Weeks 1–3.

2. Discuss your use of the '**Check that learners are able to**' observation list (in the eye box) during each of the teacher-guided activities.

3. Share strategies for improving teaching and learning for the challenges you identified.

4. Write the main points of your discussion on flipchart paper. Report back on your discussion to the large group.



Video 1

Watch the video of a teacher working with a small group of learners during the teacher-guided activity in Term 3 Week 3.

Observe how the teacher:

- ◆ has prepared the small group activity
- ◆ manages the transitions between the eight tasks
- ◆ uses questions to guide the learners
- ◆ records her observations of what has been learnt using the '**Check that learners are able to**' observation list.

Session 1: Measurement

1 hour

In Terms 1 and 2, time and length were the focus of Measurement. This session will revisit these topics and expand the discussion of Measurement to include mass, and capacity and volume.

Measurement is about finding out ‘how much’ there is of something. In Grade R, the focus of measurement is on:

- ◆ time
- ◆ length
- ◆ mass
- ◆ capacity and volume.

In the next activity, you will explore each of these measurement concepts.

Learners in Grade R measure informally, by direct comparison and by using non-standard units of measurement. Learners develop their estimation skills during informal measurement activities. They estimate how long or how heavy they think something is and then use a non-standard measuring instrument to find out how accurate their estimation was.



Activity 2

With your group, move to the measurement workstation you have been assigned to and answer the questions in your *Participant's Workbook*. Rotate to the next workstation when you receive the signal.

Length

Refer to page 105 of the *Concept Guide*. What vocabulary did you use during this activity?

Find the answer to each of the following and identify the non-standard unit of measurement you used.

	Estimate (guess)	Non-standard unit of measurement	Length
1. Who has the longest shoe?			
2. Who is the shortest?			
3. How long is your <i>Participant's Workbook</i> ?			
4. Who has the longest arm?			
5. How wide is your table?			
6. How many hand spans is the height of the door?			

Capacity and volume

Refer to page 105 of the *Concept Guide*. What vocabulary did you use during this activity?

Find the answer to each of the following and identify the non-standard unit of measurement you used.

	Estimate (guess)	Non-standard unit of measurement	Capacity or volume
1. Which two containers of water will fill the jug?			
2. Which bottle holds the most cups of water?			
3. How many cups of water do you think it will take to fill the vase?			
4. How many cups of water will it take to half-fill the vase?			
5. Which container on the table has the least amount of water in it?			
6. Which two containers have the same amount of water?			

Mass

Refer to page 105 of the *Concept Guide*. What vocabulary did you use during this activity?

Find the answer to each of the following and identify the non-standard unit of measurement you used.

	Estimate (guess)	Non-standard unit of measurement	Mass
1. Whose handbag in your group is the heaviest?			
2. Which book in your group is the lightest?			
3. Who is the heaviest in your group? Who is the lightest?			
4. Which fruit is the heaviest?			
5. Which bottle weighs the most?			

Time

Refer to page 105 of the *Concept Guide*. What vocabulary did you use during this activity?

Find the answer to each of the following and identify the non-standard unit of measurement you used.

	Estimate (guess)	Non-standard unit of measurement	Time
1. Who arrived the earliest this morning?			
2. Who arrived the latest?			
3. How long does it take to walk from your chair to the car?			
4. Who walked the fastest from their chair to the car?			
5. Would it take longer to eat lunch or drive to school?			

Session 3: Revisiting Grade R maths topics

1 hour

As you know, the Maths Programme is designed to introduce new knowledge and build on this progressively across the weeks and terms. During this session, we will revisit Content Areas and topics that we have dealt with in previous workshops and we will discuss how these topics have been presented in the Maths Programme.



Activity 4

The facilitator will give a topic to each group to discuss.

You are required to prepare a presentation on your understanding of the topic and how the Maths Programme deals with the development of the concepts and skills related to it. Read the relevant information associated with your topic in the *Concept Guide* (pages 69–109).

You will receive ONE of the following topics:

1. How are shapes introduced and consolidated in the Maths Programme? Refer to Term 3, Week 4, Days 1, 2 and 3 to support your discussion.
2. Position and direction are difficult concepts for young children to grasp. How does the Maths Programme present these topics in Terms 1, 2 and 3? Refer to Term 3, Week 4, Days 4 and 5 to support your discussion.
3. Term 3, Week 4, Day 5 deals with the topic of symmetry. Explain your understanding of this topic. Share your experiences of teaching symmetry and how your learners have demonstrated their understanding of it.
4. Dot cards are used throughout the Maths Programme. Discuss the value of using this resource and if/how it contributes to building number concept. Refer to Term 3, Weeks 4 and 6 to support your discussion.
5. Discuss the routine that is used to introduce a new number in the Maths Programme. Explain how this routine builds on and consolidates the development of number concept. Refer to Term 3, Week 6 to support your discussion.
6. Explain how word problems are used to teach addition, subtraction, grouping (multiplication) and equal sharing (division). Discuss the importance of the use of language and the structure of the word problem. Also included a motivation for the use of fingers and concrete apparatus during problem-solving activities. Refer to Week 6, Day 5 and the teacher-guided activities to provide examples.

Session 4: Planning for teaching

1½ hours

It is important to plan and prepare thoroughly for each week. This will allow you to feel confident about what you are doing and help you to focus on teaching and working with the learners. As you have already experienced in Terms 1 and 2, the Maths Programme is carefully structured, and the maths content is presented in a progressive developmental sequence. It has been designed to ensure that all the Grade R Mathematics content and skills are covered and learners are well prepared for Grade 1. Teachers need to be cautious about selecting activities from different weeks and leaving other activities out.



Activity 5

1. In your group, complete the planning templates for Term 3 Weeks 4–6 (Appendix A).
2. Your group will present an overview of your planning discussion to the other groups. Note the main points of your discussion on flipchart paper. Include answers to the following questions:
 - ◆ How could you work with a colleague to prepare for each week?
 - ◆ How is the week structured?
 - ◆ How do the topics build on previous lessons?
 - ◆ Do the whole class activities successfully open the way for discussion and exploration of new knowledge?
 - ◆ How does the teacher-guided activity provide opportunities for the teacher to assess and support the learners?
 - ◆ Do the independent small group activities allow for adequate practice of new knowledge and skills?

Closing activities

30 minutes



Activity 6

Workshop reflection: Take a few minutes to reflect on the day. Page through your *Participant's Workbook* to remind yourself of what was covered. Write down your thoughts.

Share your reflections with the large group.



Take back to school task

1. Use *Activity Guide: Term 3* to plan and implement Term 3 Weeks 4–6 of the Maths Programme.
2. Write comments in the book that you use to keep track of each learner's progress (learner observation book). Use the '**Check that learners are able to**' observation list (eye box) during each of the teacher-guided activities to guide your observations and comments.
3. Make notes of what worked well, what did not work well and how you resolved any challenges during your implementation of Term 3 Weeks 4–6.
4. Bring your learner observation book and the notes you made when reflecting on each day's teaching to the next workshop.

Evaluation

Complete the Evaluation Form.

APPENDIX A: TERM 3 WEEKLY PLANNING TEMPLATE

Term 3: Activity Plan: Week ____

CONTENT AREA:				
TOPIC:				
INTRODUCE NEW KNOWLEDGE:				
PRACTISE:				
Whole class activities		Teacher-guided activity	Workstation activities (independent small group activities)	
Day 1			Activity 1	
Day 2			Activity 2	
Day 3			Activity 3	
Day 4			Activity 4	
Day 5				

Term 3: Activity Plan: Week ____

CONTENT AREA:				
TOPIC:				
INTRODUCE NEW KNOWLEDGE:				
PRACTISE:				
Whole class activities		Teacher-guided activity	Workstation activities (independent small group activities)	
Day 1			Activity 1	
Day 2			Activity 2	
Day 3			Activity 3	
Day 4			Activity 4	
Day 5				

Term 3: Activity Plan: Week ____

CONTENT AREA:				
TOPIC:				
INTRODUCE NEW KNOWLEDGE:				
PRACTISE:				
Whole class activities		Teacher-guided activity	Workstation activities (independent small group activities)	
Day 1			Activity 1	
Day 2			Activity 2	
Day 3			Activity 3	
Day 4			Activity 4	
Day 5				

Workshop 8 Evaluation Form

1. Did the workshop meet your expectations?

2. What did you learn in this workshop that helped you the most?

3. Was there anything that you did not like or had difficulty understanding?

4. How will you apply what you have learnt in your Grade R classroom?

5. Do you have any suggestions for improving further workshops?
