

# Mentally adding with near doubles

Video: Near doubling strategy

on the bead string

L9 Add near doubles using mental strategies

Pupils apply their knowledge of partitioning to add near doubles (e.g. 21 + 20 = 20 + 20 + 1) as well as their knowledge of 'adjusting' in lesson 7 and 8 (e.g. 20 + 19 = 20 + 20 - 1). Use the opportunity to make connections between doubling and the multiplication table of two. Pupils can use bead strings to explore the near double strategy or Dienes on a part-whole model.

L7 Add near multiples of ten L8 Subtract near multiples of ten

Pupils are introduced to the mental 'round and adjust' strategy to add and subtract near multiples of ten. This is an alternative to the regrouping strategies previously explored in this unit. Pupils draw upon their knowledge of fluently adding and subtracting multiples of ten (using known facts e.g. 3 + 2 to derive facts e.g. 30 + 20) using the 'lf I know...then I know...' language structures to support this. Number lines are a useful representation here as a visual reminder to pupils which way to 'adjust' once the 'rounding' has taken place. As in previous lessons, encourage flexibility in the use of number lines to suit each pupils' needs.

## **Developing Number Sense!**

It can be tempting to teach pupils to use column methods, however the focus of this unit is to develop pupils' number sense. fluency and flexibility with a range of mental calculation methods, even when regrouping is involved. Encourage pupils to get a sense of the numbers within a given calculation and to flexibly choose a suitable strategy. Pupils who rely solely on the column method will be at a disadvantage when faced with 100-99!

Video: Near doubling strategy on the part-whole model