



Comparisons with Structured-Mastery Approaches in NZ

- Whole school following the science of learning
- Spiral approach with a scope and sequence
- Explicit teaching with a comprehensive Teaching Guide, unscripted, printed & digital
- Deeper teaching rather than speed, emphasis on knowledge and practice
- Concrete-Pictorial -Abstract pedagogy
- Problem -solving included in the contexts of everyday life
- Improved results

Numicon	Pr1me	Maths No Problem	Aotearoa Maths
Whole school & class	Mainly groups with	Whole school & class	Whole school & class
journey	different year books but	journey	journey
journey	some schools follow a	Journey	Journey
	whole school/class		
	journey		
Begins Year EC and 0	Begins Y2	Begins Y0	Begins Y0
Inclusive – mainstream		Inclusive to T2	
and special education			
Intervention			
programmes T2 & 3			
at Phases 1, 2 & 3			
Language –			
communication –			
words and terms every			
week			
Uses a variety of	Uses discrete materials	Use a variety of	Use a variety of
manipulatives -	– counting objects	manipulatives,	manipulatives,
counters, bead strings	- bar modelling	Cuisenaire rod	Numicon shapes,
with an emphasis		illustrations/ bar	Cuisenaire rod, bar
on structured		models in the main, but	models in the main, but
apparatus – Numicon		can use the actual rods	can use the actual rods
shapes, Cuisenaire		where the teacher is	where the teacher is
rods, place value		familiar with them,	familiar with them,
blocks (Dienes). Bar		counters, PV blocks	counters, PV blocks
models included.			
V4 C Droblom och ing	Textbook & student	Textbook & student	Textbook & use of
Y4 – 6 Problem -solving			
book (shared between	workbook	workbook	exercise books
2) & exercise books for			
recording			
Class, flexible groups,	Class and individual	Class, group, paired	Class, group, paired
paired and individual	learning experiences	and individual learning	and individual learning
learning experiences		experiences	experiences
PD provided and	Should have PD	PD provided and	PD provided and
advised to build		advised to build	advised to build
teacher knowledge		teacher knowledge	teacher knowledge