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InterSen Phase

Good day colleagues. I hope you are all safe. This week we need to share few ideas on fractions.

- Learners need to have in-depth understanding on this topic during their early years in school to prepare them for the same concept in higher grades. The Revised ATP has allocated 15 hours to deal with the topic.
- Be sure necessary **pre-skills** and knowledge are present.
- Learners need to know the meaning of denominator, numerator, mixed number, improper fraction. This will help prepare learners for discussions on decimals and percentages later in the topic
- Teachers should capitalize on the use of simple **examples** when teaching. Parents need to support at home after the teacher has explained the concepts in class. Use of activity cards is recommended on this topic. Guidelines on teaching can be obtained from the planner and trackers week 5-8 on web page www.nect.org.za/materials.