

# Estimating

*MNU 3-03a I can use a variety of methods to solve number problems in familiar contexts, clearly communicating my process and solutions.*

Estimating is used to give an approximate answer so we can check our calculations.

For example - The numbers of ice creams sold were:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
96	76	102	52	113

We could round the numbers so we can estimate where the answer should be.

Instead of  $96 + 76 + 102 + 52 + 113$   
We add  $100 + 80 + 100 + 50 + 110 = 440$

Pupils should be encouraged to estimate their answers before they perform the calculations.

