

Story in Numbers

"The artist presents us with lessons on blackboards . but the teacher has gone. the pupils also. We can not hear the dialogue that supported this lesson. Rubbing outs and over drawing on some figures leave us bewildered as to what we are being taught. We muse follow the artist into the work if we wish to uncover its meaning" -William McCahon

Explore and see if you can figure out the story the artist is trying to communicate with us as the viewer? Take 5 minutes to explore the artworks.

Discuss with a friend: What do the limited colours and visuals in the artworks remind you of?

Think about what numbers and symbols are connected to your life?

Write the story of a day in your life using the numbers that make up your day. Include at least 10 numbers that are part of your day - challenge yourself to see how many numbers you can come up with.

For example: My alarm goes off at ____ o'clock... I catch the #____ bus...

I walk for ____ minutes... My basketball team has ____ people on it, I play video games for ____ hours...

Create a visual artwork inspired by Colin McCahon's work using the numbers from your day in the life story.

Think about how to use lines, shapes and grids to organise and map out the journey of your numbers.

Use the box below to create your story in numbers artwork.

Reflect with a friend, share your day in numbers artwork and tell the story of your journey.