## THE FIBONACCI SEQUENCE using a classpad calculator.

If you observe the following sequence you may work out how to find the next term. 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, \_\_\_\_\_

The best way to observe this sequence is by using the spreadsheet facility on the classpad calculator. (See Below)



**EVALUATE:** Here I have entered 1 into cell A1 1 into cell A2 and the formula for cell A3 ...... (copy and paste) is = A1 + A2

This will give us the correct sequence .....

To give us the sum of these terms I have entered a 1 into cell B1 and in cell B2 I have written the formula = A2 + B1 (as in the diagram above near the bottom of the picture. This column gives us a running total of the terms.

The C column gives us  $(\mathbf{F}_n)^2$  and the D column gives us  $(\mathbf{F}_{n+1})^2$  The E column is then C1 + D1

