

Commitment to Excellence within a Caring, Christian Environment
'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13

# Calculation Policy 

## Rationale and Aims

This policy is intended to aid all staff and parents to understand the four rules and help provide progression in written calculations. It builds upon the 2014 curriculum for maths and should be used in conjunction with the school's mathematics policy. The policy recognises that pupils' mental number knowledge and skills are of prime importance. The content of this policy is to give guidance on Maths progression throughout the school.

It is expected that addition/subtraction and multiplication/division be taught alongside each other so that pupils can see and use the relationship between them. Children should also be encouraged to recognise multiplication as repeated addition and division as repeated subtraction. Pupils should be taught to estimate their answers first and check calculations with a variety of strategies, including the inverse operation.

When approaching a calculation, children should be encouraged to ask themselves the following questions:
$\rightarrow$ Can I do this in my head?
$\rightarrow$ Do I know the approximate size of the answer?
$\rightarrow$ If I can't answer any part in my head, what do I need to write down in order to help me calculate the answer? (jottings)
$\rightarrow$ What resources (mainpulatives) could I use? (numicon, base ten, multilinks, numberline, hundred square, beads etc.)
$\rightarrow$ Which written method would be helpful?
$\rightarrow$ Which method would be most efficient?
Wherever appropriate, children should do a mental calculation. For example, which of these would you do mentally?

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$\uparrow$
We do not need a written method for this questions as the numbers are so close together.
Mental methods and understanding of place value_should be secure before children are adding and subtracting using written methods. This will mean that they are able to apply their mental calculations to their written algorithms.

> E.g.
> Before solving $43+52$ using a written method, children should be secure in their understanding of place value. They should understand the value of two-digit numbers and be confident adding multiples of 10 and ones, mentally.
> Moving onto solving 100-49, children should already be confident in knowing their number bonds for 100 and 10 .

In teaching we refer to the concrete (using manipulatives to help solve a calculations), pictorial (drawing a calculation and using jottings to help) and the abstract (mental strategies).

Resources/manipulatives we use in school:

- Multi links
- Numicon
- Base Ten
- Number fans
- Number strings
- Place value cards
- Part / whole frames


## Steps towards adding and subtracting mentally any pair of two-digit numbers

$\mathrm{O}=$ ones $\quad \mathrm{T}=$ tens $\quad \mathrm{H}=$ hundreds

## Step 1:

| $\mathrm{O}+/-1$ |  | $3+1$ | $4-1$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O}+/-\mathrm{U}$ | Not crossing the tens boundary | $2+4$ | $6-4$ |
| $10+/-\mathrm{O}$ |  | $10+4$ | $10-4$ |
| TO +/- O | Not crossing the tens boundary | $12+4$ | $16-4$ |

## Step 2:

$\mathrm{T}+/-\mathrm{O}$

TU +/- $10 \quad$ Not crossing the hundreds boundary
$\mathrm{T}+/-\mathrm{T} \quad$ Not crossing the hundreds boundary

| $50+4$ | $50-4$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $52+10$ | $62-10$ |
| $50+30$ | $80-30$ |
| $52+4$ | $56-4$ |
| $6+8$ |  |
| $15+8$ | $15-8$ |
| $52+30$ | $82-30$ |
| $55+8$ | $63-8$ |

Step 3:

| TO +/- TO | Not crossing the tens or hundreds boundary | $52+14$ | $66-14$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| TO +/- T | Crossing the hundreds boundary | $92+10$ | $102-10$ |
| T+/-T | Crossing the hundreds boundary | $80+50$ | $130-80$ |

## Step 4:

| T +/- TO | Crossing the tens boundary <br> or the hundreds boundary <br> Crossing the tens boundary <br> but not the hundreds boundary | $80+52$ | $80-52$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| TO +/- TO | $55+18$ | $73-18$ |  |
| TO +/- TO | Not crossing the tens boundary <br> but crossing the hundreds boundary <br> Crossing the tens boundary <br> but also the hundreds boundary | $52+84$ | $136-84$ |
| TO +/- TO | $55+78$ | $133-78$ |  |

## Addition

## EYFS \& Year 1

Counting, knowing the order of numbers, lots of practical activities with no written recording.

Combine two groups of objects and begin to record pictorially.
E.g. Jane has 3 bears. She was given 2 more. How many does she have now?


3


2

$$
3+2=5
$$

Children will use a mixture of words and symbols in order to explain to someone else the methods they have used.

In these years, the children will be introduced to Numicon as a resource; they use this to support their understanding of congruity in addition. Consistent exposure to Numicon enables children to start to transfer from concrete objects to abstract concepts, e.g. from its colour / shape, children can elicit whether a number is odd or even.

$5+5$

$6+4$

$8+2$

The part whole model is also introduced with children explaining how the different parts equal the whole.


Bar models are introduced - this example can show relationship between number:


Year 1

Once children are secure with addition using objects and Numicon, they can move onto number lines. The use of numbered number tracks and lines is very helpful for teaching children the order of numbers and for images of addition and subtraction. It may begin with children physically jumping forwards and backwards along a number track
E.g. $5+3$


## Year 2

Children will build upon their mental strategies using visualisation of Numicon or other place value resources.
e.g. $17+10=27$


Children will continue to use bar modelling


They will also build on mental methods using a completed number line
E.g. $48+7=55$ (Bridging through tens boundary $48+2+5$ )

E.g. $48+12=60$ (Bridging through tens boundary on an empty number line $48+10+2$ )


## Possible Success Criteria

$\checkmark$ Start at the largest number
$\checkmark$ Jump in tens

|  |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| 48 | 78 |

The empty number line helps to record the steps on the way to
calculating the total, those children who are less secure adding thirty may record three jumps of 10.
Pupils will be encouraged to start with the largest number, this may require them to reorder the calculation. When calculating, pupils build on mental methods by using number bonds, then jumping in tens and partitioning remaining units to bridge through ten. Always encourage children to check their results thoroughly, recalculating each step.

As a more efficient method, partitioning numbers into tens and ones and adding them separately would also be introduced. This will be demonstrated first using resources such as Numicon to show equivalences.
E.g.

| 4 | 7 | + | 7 | 6 | = |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4 | 0 | + | 7 | 0 | = | 1 | 1 | $0$ |
|  | 7 | + |  | 6 | = |  | 1 |  |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | + | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |  |

Children who are working at the expected standard, should leave Year 2 secure in this method for adding two 2digit numbers. Those children working towards this standard may need to use Numicon to support their calculation.

Further example of why place value understanding and mental strategies need to be secure before written method.

## Year 3

The previous year 2 method can also be represented vertically and we call this method the expanded column method. This step is an important layout as it helps children to understand what is happening when a number is carried in the vertical algorithm. This method can be used to introduce the column method and explain what is happening as we 'carry' numbers to the next column.

Using base ten or numicon is recommended to reinforce understanding of place value in this method.
Examples:

| 47 |
| ---: |
| $+\quad 76$ |
| 133 |
| 110 |
| 123 |


| 368 |
| ---: |
| $+\quad 4 \quad 93$ |
| 111 |
| 150 |
| 700 |

Children can have HTO written above the relevant columns. Teaching children to have one number in each square is particularly important here.


## From Year 4

Before year six, every child should be confident in calculating using the compact column method. In this stage, the recording is reduced further:

## Examples:

| 47 |
| ---: |
| $+\quad 76$ |
| 1 |
| 1 |



| 864 |
| ---: |
| $+\quad 38$ |
| 1 |
| 1 |

Here $7+6=13$, the 3 is placed in the ones column and the 1 (representing a ten) is carried under to the tens column and the children have to include this 1 when adding up the next column.

Bar modelling and the part whole model is continued to be used to aid the understanding.

## Addition using decimal numbers

In Year 2 children will be introduced to decimal notation in the form of mixed money values. Around year three, children will be taught that decimal notation allows us to record tenths of a number.

## Subtraction

EFYS \& Year 1
Counting backwards, knowing the order of numbers, lots of practical activities and at first no written recording.

Children need practical activities of taking away by finding how many are left from a collection of objects when some are removed.
E.g. There were eight balloons. Two popped. How many are left?


Children also need practical activities around 'finding the difference', which involves making a comparison between numbers in two groups. They need to recognise that this is another form of subtraction.
E.g. How many more biscuits does Sally have than you?


A mixture of words and symbols will be used by children in order to explain to someone else the methods that they have used. Children will use a variety of ways of recording subtraction, reflecting the mental methods they have used.

As with addition, Numicon is introduced and used throughout Key Stage 1 (and into the Juniors) to support children's understanding of these calculations. Part whole and bar modelling methods are used for subtraction too throughout EYFS, KS1 and KS2

## Year 1

Again, the use of numbered number tracks and lines is very helpful for teaching children the order of numbers and for images of addition and subtraction. When recording subtraction on a number track or line, children should draw arrows underneath the line to reinforce the inverse relationship with addition.


NB: Children will be taught to calculate both by counting back and by counting on to 'find the difference', depending on the size of the numbers.

Possible Success Criteria - finding the difference
$\checkmark \quad$ Numbers the correct way round on the number line.
$\checkmark$ Jump in tens
$\checkmark$ Add any units to bridge through the tens boundary.
$\checkmark$ Check you are at the big number.
$\checkmark$ ADD UP YOUR JUMPS
$\checkmark$ Write the answer in the number sentence
$\checkmark$ Check your jumps and change if needed.

## Year 2

Once children are confident with concept of subtraction (both taking away and finding the difference) using Numicon, they can then move on to using number lines. We teach the children to cover up amounts to demonstrate subtraction.

e.g. $28-6=22$

Using blank number lines to 'find the difference'
E.g. $81-79=2$ (As a finding the difference or counting on)

E.g. $84-48=36$ (As a finding the difference or counting on)


Using blank number lines to 'jump backwards'.
E.g. $100-24=76$ (By counting backwards)

Children should use both methods, using the inverse to check their answer.


Like the final step for addition, pupils now progress to using the expanded layout which leads to the column method. Using this interim stage, again, helps children to understand the column method, particularly when decomposition is required.

Numbers should be partitioned and written one under the other which mirrors the column method where tens are placed under tens and units under units. This is a stage which aids mental calculation and is probably only worth teaching to the more able mathematicians who will cope with recognising that this method can only be used when the units digit is larger in the first number.

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { E.g. } 74-23= & 74-3=71 \\
& 71-20=51
\end{array}
$$

Children who are working at the expected standard, should leave Year 2 secure in this method for subtracting two 2-digit numbers. Those children working towards this standard may need to use Numicon to support their calculation.

## Year 3

The above method should be applied to larger numbers in year 3.

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\text { E.g. } 384-173=\quad \begin{array}{r}
384-3=381 \\
381-70=311 \\
\\
311-100=211
\end{array}
$$

It is important to ensure that children are subtracting the smallest unit first to mirror the steps used in column subtraction.

## From Year 4

This method leads to a more compact column method. Please do not use the vocabulary 'borrow' as the exchanged digit does not get given back. In Year 4 children can use this method to solve problems using larger numbers and decimals in the context of money.

| E.g. $73-24=$ | 61 |  | 563-271 | 41 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 又 3 | which can be applied |  | $\chi 63$ |
|  | -24 | to 3 or 4 digit numbers |  | 271 -27 |
|  | 49 | - |  | 292 |

## Using The Number Line

The empty number line is useful to use at any stage of development, particularly when introducing a new number concept to ensure that children understand the place value of each digit.
E.g. Elapsed time : Find the difference between $10: 36$ and 11:15


Mentally: $10+10+15+4=39 \mathrm{mins}$
Should children add minutes and it equals more than an hour e.g. 80 mins, they should ensure they convert this back into hours and minutes.

## Multiplication

## Year 1

It is expected that there will be lots of practical activities to support children's growing awareness and understanding of multiplication. Children can complete practical activities involving grouping objects. Rhymes and stories can be used that involve counting in number. Apparatus should be used to sort objects into groups.
E.g. Ice-creams come with 2 scoops. How many scoops do these three ice-creams have?


3 lots of $2 \quad 3$ groups of 2
$2+2+23 \times 2($ say 3 multiplied by 2$)$
A mixture of pictures, words and symbols (pictorial and concrete) will be used by children in order to explain to someone the methods that they have used.

Year 2
$3 \times 4$ can be shown as above with an array.


1. Draw 3 circles
2. Draw 4 dots in each one
3. Count the total number of dots.


Which the children may then represent as above.

## Year 2

Children will begin to recognise multiplication as repeat addition. They are not expected to draw a number line at this stage - counting in 5 s using their fingers is fine. This could, again, be modelled using Numicon.
E.g. What is the value of 4 five-pence coins?


To be able to use written methods of multiplication successfully, it is important that children's mental methods of calculation are practiced and secured alongside their learning and use of an efficient written method for multiplication facts. For example:
$\checkmark$ Recalling multiplication facts
$\checkmark$ Multiplying by 10 and 100
$\checkmark$ Partitioning numbers into multiples of hundreds, tens and units
$\checkmark$ Add two or more single digit numbers mentally
$\checkmark$ Add multiples of 10 or 100
$\checkmark$ Add combinations of whole numbers using the column method

Bar modelling can again aid with multiplication:

## Multiplication

## Peter has 4 books Harry has five times as many books as Peter. How many books has Harry?

## 4

| 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Notice how each section of the bars in the problem below has a value of 4 and not 1 . This
many-to-one correspondence, or unitising is important and occurs early, for example in the
context of money, where one coin
the modelling of ratio problems.

Year 3
TU x U

Link arrays to the grid method and then use the grid method, as shown below, to solve number sentence. The grid method reinforces the commutative law in multiplication.
E.g. 27 X 3


## Possible Success criteria:

$\checkmark$ Draw your grid and partition
the numbers
$\checkmark$ Multiply your ones
$\checkmark$ Multiply your tens
$\checkmark$ Add the answers together
$\checkmark$ Check each of your calculations and change if you need to.

This following step makes the link between the grid method and the vertical format. The two formats can be used alongside each other once children are secure with the grid method. Introducing this expanded format before the traditional column method helps children to understand the column method, and therefore apply it more effectively.
E.g. 27 X 3

|  | 2 | 7 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| X |  |  |  |  |
| X |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 1 |  |  |  |$\left(\begin{array}{llll}7 & \mathrm{X} & 3 & \end{array}\right)$

## TO x 0

This final step involves children using the vertical format with the compact working. When pupils begin to attempt 'long multiplication number sentences', it may be useful for them to make the link with this and the grid method and for pupils to use informal jottings to support their calculations.

|  | 6 | 7 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| X |  | 3 |
| 2 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 2 |  |

The language tens and ones should be used repeatedly when teaching this method.

## Children should be secure in each method before using the next method.

From Year 4
TO x TO

As this will be a new concept, children should go back to the simplest layout - the grid method.
E.g. 27 X 56

| X | 20 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 | 1000 | 350 |
| 6 | 120 | 42 |


$\longrightarrow$| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 5 | 0 |  |
|  | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| + |  | 4 | 2 |
| 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |

If children are confident with their mental addition, this second step can be done mentally.

## TO x TO

As with the TO $\times \mathrm{O}$, children can learn the expanded column method alongside the grid method, once the grid method is secure. This interim step will help children to understand the process of the traditional column method.


## TO x то

|  |  | 2 | 7 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | X | 5 | 6 |
|  | 1 | $6_{4}$ | 2 |
| 1 | $3_{3}$ | 5 | 0 |
| 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |

When calculating with these written recordings, children should be able to recognise that they are still multiplying 5 tens by 7 . This way they do not need to 'add a 0 '; the answer is 50 .

## HTO x TO

Again, children should go back to the grid method when learning a new level of place value to multiply:
E.g. 286 X 29

| X | 200 | 80 | 6 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 4000 | 1600 | 120 | $=5720$ |
| 9 | 1800 | 720 | 54 | $=2574$ |


$\longrightarrow$| 5 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| 81 | 2 | 9 | 4 |

## HTO x TO

HTO x TO

This can be used as a teaching step to demonstrate the compact column method.


|  | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| X |  | 2 | 9 |
| 2 | 5 | 7 | 4 |
| 2 | 7 | 5 |  |
| 5 | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| 1 | 1 |  |  |
| 8 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| 1 |  |  |  |

## Division

The method developed in this policy is the chunking method. The method in Key Stage One builds on the children's use of number lines with repeat addition.

## Year 1

Young children will be familiar with the language of sharing and understand that six shared equally among three people means that everyone has two each, and that if they were shared between two people both would have three.

## Year 2



Children can draw pictures to explain to someone else how they have solved a simple division problem.
E.g. How many cars with four wheels can you make if you have eight wheels?


Possible Success criteria: Division with a
number line
$\checkmark$ Draw a number line
$\checkmark$ Start at 0
$\checkmark$ Jump in the amount you are dividing by (e.g.5)

## From Year 3

Begin with numbers that children can divide mentally. Develop to using a number line to count on mentally. Begin with numbers with no remainders. Number lines do not need to be drawn at this stage.
$\checkmark$ Count your jumps - this is the answer
$\checkmark$ Write your answer in the number sentence
$\checkmark$ Check your answer
E.g. $45 \div 5=9$
+2

Then develop to use with remainders, adjusting the above suggested criteria.
E.g. $47 \div 5=9 r 2$
(20

This can also be shown with repeated subtraction so that children start to recognise division as repeated subtraction.

Repeated subtraction on a number line can be used with larger numbers by taking away more than one group at a time. Chunking in groups of ten helps.
E.g. $54 \div 3=$


Mentally: $10+8$ lots of $4=18$ lots of 4

For chunking, children need to use times-tables facts to solve division problems.
E.g. $128 \div 4$

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\begin{aligned}
& 128 \\
& -\begin{array}{l}
40 \\
88
\end{array} \underline{1} \times 4 \\
& -\begin{array}{ll}
40 \\
48
\end{array} \quad 1 \quad 0 \quad 4 \\
& -\begin{array}{l}
40 \\
8
\end{array} \underline{1 \quad 0 \quad 4} \\
& -\quad 8 \\
& 2 \text { X } 4
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\text { Mentally: } 10+10+10+2 \text { lots of } 4=32 \text { lots of } 4
$$

This method can also be used when there is a remainder:
E.g. $97 \div 3=32$ r 1


> Children should become used to using quick multiplication facts as below without writing them down:
> $3 \times 2=6$
> $3 \times 4=12$ (double 6)
> $3 \times 8=24$ (double 12)
> $3 \times 10=30$
> $3 \times 5=15$ (half 30 )

Children should also recognise from around year 3 that division number sentences may be written as shown here: $3 \mid 65$ They should also know that when written like this they need to divide 65 by 3 . They can use chunking to find the answer.

The traditional 'bus stop' method is only used when children are fully secure with chunking. This method should be first introduced with short division (a) and then explained with long division (b).
(a)

$4 \quad$| 1 | 1 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 4 | 5 |
| ${ }^{1} 6$ |  |  |$\quad$ 'The digit 1 represents one ten has been exchanged for 10 ones.'

In readiness for year six, children will be introduced to standard written methods of long division:


