ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL



Maths: Calculation Policy

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About Our Calculation Policy

The following calculation policy has been devised to meet requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 for the teaching and learning of mathematics and is also designed to give pupils a consistent and smooth progression of learning in calculations across the school.

Age stage expectations

The calculation policy is organised according to age stage expectations as set out in the National Curriculum 2014, however it is vital that pupils are taught according to the stage that they are currently working at, being moved on to the next level as soon as they are ready, or working at a lower stage until they are secure enough to move on.

Providing a context for calculation

It is important that calculations are given a real life context or problem solving approach to help build children's understanding of the purpose of calculation and to help them recognise when to use certain operations when faced with problems.

Choosing a calculation method:

Children need to be taught and encouraged to use the following processes in deciding what approach they will take to a calculation, to ensure they select the most appropriate method for the numbers involved:

To work out a tricky calculation:

Can I solve it in my head using a mental strategy? Do I need to use manipulatives to help me solve it? (concrete) Could I use some jottings to help me? (pictorial) Should I use a written method to work it out?



EYFS Addition





















Skill: Add 3 one digit numbers.	Year 2
7 + 6 + 3 = 16	 When adding three 1 digit numbers children should be encouraged to look for number bonds, near bonds or doubles to add the numbers more efficiently. This supports understanding of commutativity.
7+6+3=16	 Manipulatives that support number bonds to 10 are effective when adding three 1 digit numbers.















Skill: Add two 2 digit numbers to 100	Year 2
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Children are encouraged to use the formal column method when calculating alongside straws or base 10. As numbers becoe larger straws become less efficient.
$\begin{array}{ c c c } \hline Tens & Ones & 38 \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ \hline & & & &$	 Children can also use a blank number line to count on to find the total. Encourage them to jump to multiples of 10 to become more efficient.



EYFS Subtraction



Cardinality, counting, comparison and composition	EYFS
7 - 3 = 4 $First$	 Children begin with mostly pictorial representation. Concrete apparatus is used to relate subtraction to taking away and how many objects are left. Construct number sentences verbally or using cards to go with practical activities. Children are encouraged to read number sentences aloud in different ways. "Five subtract one leaves four. Four is equal to five subtract one." Children make a record in pictures, words or symbols of subtraction activities already carried out. Solve simple problems using fingers. Number tracks can be introduced to count back and find 1 less. Number lines can then be used alongside number tracks and practical apparatus to solve subtraction calculations and word problems. Children count back under the number line.
	 Part part whole models and tens frames are used to support partitioning.



Subtraction







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EYFS









Skill: Solve	Year 1 and 2	
	One bag holds 5 apples. How many apples do 4 bags hold?	 Children represent multiplication as repeated addition in many different ways. In Year 1 children use concrete and pictorial representation to solve problems. They are not
	$5+5+5=20$ $4 \times 5 = 20$ $5 \times 4 = 20$	expected to record multiplication formally. In Year 2 children are introduced to the multiplication symbol.



EYFS Division



Cardinality, counting, comparison and composition	EYFS
There are 20 apples altogether. They are shared equally between 5 bags. How many apples are in each bag?	 Children solve problems including doubling, halving and sharing Children need to see and hear representations of division as both grouping and sharing
	 Division can be introduced through halving. Children begin with mostly pictorial representation. Children have a go at recording the calculations that has been carried out.



Division



When dividing larger numbers children can	Skill: Divide 2 digits by 1 digit (sharing with no exchange).	Year 1 and 2
use manipulatives that allow them to partition into tens and ones. • Straws and base ten can be used to share numbers into equal groups. • Part whole models can provide children with a clear written method that matches the concrete representation.	$48 \div 2 = 24$	 When dividing larger numbers children can use manipulatives that allow them to partition into tens and ones. Straws and base ten can be used to share numbers into equal groups. Part whole models can provide children with a clear written method that matches the concrete representation.



Division



Skill: Solve one step problems using sharing.	Year 1 and 2
20 20 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	 Children solve problems by sharing amounts into equal groups. In Year 1, children use concrete and pictorial representations to solve problems. They are not expected to record division formally. In Year 2, children
$20 \div 5 = 4$	division symbol.





Skill: 2 times table	Year 2
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	 Encourage daily counting in multiples both forward and backwards. This can be supported using
	 a number line or a hundred square. Look for patterns in the two times tables, using concrete manipulatives to support. Notice how
$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	all the numbers are even and there is a pattern in the ones. Use different models to develop fluency.
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	



















Glossary



Addend A number to be added to another.

Aggregation Combining 2 or more quantities or measures to find a total. **Array** an ordered collection of counters, cubes or other item in rows and columns.

Augmentation Increasing a quantity or measure by another quantity.

Commutative Numbers can be added or multiplied in any order.

Difference The numerical difference between two numbers is found by comparing the quantity in each group.

Exchange Change a number or expression for another of an equal value. **Factor** A number that multiplies with another to make a product.

Partitioning Splitting a number into its component parts.

Product The result of multiplying one number by another.

Subitise Instanstly recognise the number of objects in a small group without needing to count.

Sum The result of addition.

Total The aggregate or the sum found by addition.