

Nook Lane Junior School

Calculation Policy
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## Maths Calculation Policy 2021

## INTRODUCTION

This Maths Calculation Policy has been produced in line with the 2014 National Curriculum for Mathematics to ensure consistency and progression in teaching throughout the school that is age appropriate. It aims to introduce children to the processes of calculation through practical, oral and mental activities. As children begin to understand the underlying ideas, they develop ways of recording to support their thinking and calculation methods, use particular methods that apply to special cases and learn to interpret and use signs and symbols involved. This policy shows the natural progression that a child should make in their mathematical education. Children should not progress onto the advanced stages of formal written methods until they have a secure conceptual understanding. By the end of Year 6, children should be able to choose the most appropriate approach to solve a problem: making a choice between using jottings (an extended written method), an efficient written method or a mental method.

As a school, we use the White Rose Maths Scheme as a foundation for our planning and teaching. However, through continuous evaluation, we have adapted some methods of calculation to better suit the needs of our learners and build progressively on what we have taught in previous years.

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At Nook Lane Junior School, we recognise that the Concrete Pictorial Abstract (CPA) approach is highly effective in the teaching of Maths to develop conceptual understanding. This approach will vary between year groups and the individual abilities of children within each class.

Objects, pictures, words, numbers and symbols are everywhere. The mastery approach incorporates all of these to help children explore and demonstrate mathematical ideas, enrich their learning experience and deepen understanding. Together, these elements help cement knowledge so pupils truly understand what they've learnt. All pupils, when introduced to a key new concept, should have the opportunity to build competency in this topic by taking this approach. Pupils are encouraged to physically represent mathematical concepts. Objects and pictures are used to demonstrate and visualise abstract ideas, alongside numbers and symbols.

Concrete - The doing stage

There is a clear focus on the use of manipulatives and visual images to support understanding in every year group. Each new concept or calculation strategy will be introduced using appropriate manipulatives, giving the children a clear picture of the theoretical mathematics they are learning. It is important that children have access to a wide range of manipulatives in every year group and, consequently, we encourage children to be independent in their use of manipulatives throughout the school and access resources as they see fit. This is the foundation for conceptual understanding.

Concrete resources that may be found in classrooms will include:


These resources will vary depending on year group and individual needs.

## Pictorial - The seeing stage

A child has sufficiently understood the hands-on experiences performed and can now relate them to representations, such as a diagram or a picture of the problem.

## Abstract- The symbolic stage

At this stage children can solve more abstract calculations without the need for concrete resources or pictures to facilitate understanding.
E.g. $236+176=$ or $734 \times 5=$



Y5 Addition

| Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | Method by the end of the year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Introduce decimal place value counters and model regrouping for addition. | Children will draw their representations showing where they have regrouped. | $\begin{array}{rrrrrr} 3 & 7 & 9 & 1 & 7 & 3 \\ + & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 6 \\ \hline 5 & 8 & 2 & 2 & 8 & 9 \\ \hline & 1 & & & & \end{array}$ <br> Column method <br> Children will continue to develop their understanding of column method addition. Calculations will become larger and include decimal places. | $\begin{array}{rrrrrr} 3 & 7 & 9 & .1 & 7 & 3 \\ + & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ \hline 5 & 8 & 2 & 2 & 8 & 9 \\ \hline & 1 & & & \end{array}$ |


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| Please note: Concrete apparatus and pictorial representations should still be used to support children who may be struggling with abstract concepts. Concrete apparatus should be readily available for lower achieving children and those with SEND. |  | Children to further develop their confidence using the column method. Larger numbers, decimal places and inserting zero for place holders when decimals are different. | Numbers with 3 decimal place $\begin{array}{rrrrrr} 3 & 7 & 9 & 1 & 7 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ \hline 5 & 8 & 2 & 2 & 8 & 9 \\ \hline \end{array}$ <br> Numbers with a different number of decimal places |

## Y3 subtraction



Y4 subtraction

| Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | Method by the end of the year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Children continue to set out HTU - HTU using dienes cubes and place value counters (that cross the tens boundary) in columns and record as column subtraction with decomposition. Teach children how to exchange units of numbers. | Children may draw 45 <br> dienes cubes or $\frac{-29}{16}$ place value counters and cross off showing their understanding of taking away. They will need to represent any exchanging that takes place. | representations from concrete activities using dienes cubes and place value counters. | Column Method <br> Children continue to use column method to subtract larger numbers. |

Y5 and Y6 subtraction (whole numbers and decimals)

| Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | Method by the end of the year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Please note: Concrete apparatus and pictorial representations should still be used to support children who may be struggling with abstract concepts. Concrete apparatus should be readily available for lower achieving children and these with SEND. | Children $\quad 15,735-2,582=13,153$ <br> can draw $\qquad$ <br> using <br> place <br> value <br> counters <br> showing <br> exchanging takes place between the units of numbers. <br> Children also show subtraction on an empty number line using larger numbers. | Column Method <br> Children will continue to develop their understanding of column method subtraction. Calculations will become larger. $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { digit - } 5 \text { digit } \\ & \begin{array}{rllll} 5 & 13 & 1 & & \\ 6 & 7 & 6 & 9 & 7 \\ - & 6 & 8 & 5 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & 7 & 8 & 4 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | Formal column method with larger numbers $\begin{aligned} & 5 \text { digit }-5 \text { digit } \\ & \begin{array}{rcccc} 5 & 13 & 1 & & \\ 6 & 7 & 6 & 9 & 7 \\ -2 & 6 & 8 & 5 & 4 \\ \hline 3 & 7 & 8 & 4 & 3 \end{array} \end{aligned}$ |
| Introduce decimal place value counters and model exchange for subtracting between units of numbers. | Children will draw their representations showing where they have exchanged. |  |  |

Y3 multiplication


Y4 multiplication

| Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | Method by the end of the year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The multiplication unit should start with a re-cap on concrete methods from Y3. <br> Some children may need more time using the resources than others. <br> Grid Method <br> Show the links with arrays to first introduce the grid method. <br> Move onto Dienes cubes to move towards a more compact method. | The grid method may be used to show how this relates to a formal written method. Grid method will lead onto expanded method and then onto the compact short multiplication. | Leading to expanded method $\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ \times \quad 4 \\ \hline 24(6 \times 4) \\ 120(30 \times 4) \\ \hline \underline{144} \end{array} \longrightarrow \frac{36}{} \quad \begin{array}{r} 34 \\ \hline \frac{144}{2} \end{array}$ | Leading to expanded method $\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ \times \quad 4 \\ \hline 24(6 \times 4) \\ 120(30 \times 4) \\ \hline 144 \end{array} \longrightarrow \frac{36}{} \quad \begin{array}{r} 34 \\ \hline 144 \\ 2 \end{array}$ |


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Y5 multiplication

| Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | Method by the end of the year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When multiplying decimals by 10,100,1000 initial concrete resources will be used to support understanding to show how exchanging can take place. | This pictorial grid method will support children's understanding of multiplying by 10, 100, 1000. | Long multiplication <br> Children may wish to <br> use 2 separate <br> calculations to 23  <br> support their <br> understanding. $\underline{+69}$ $(3 \times 23)$ <br> Reinforce language <br> of place value when multiplying by <br> multiples of 10. Extend to 3 or 4-digit <br> numbers   <br> multiplied by a 2-digit number.   | $\begin{array}{r} 23 \\ \times 13 \\ \hline+69 \\ 230 \\ \hline 299 \\ \hline 29 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} (10 \times 23) \\ \hline \end{array}$ |

Y6 multiplication

| Concrete | Pictorial | Abstract | Method by the end of the year |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| When multiplying decimals by 10,100,1000 initial concrete resources will be used to support understanding to show how exchanging can take place. | This pictorial grid method will support children's understanding of multiplying by 10, 100, 1000. | Long multiplication <br> Children short be taught long multiplication without an expanded method. <br> Children should be able to calculate TU x TU, HTU x TU and ThHTU x TU. <br> Short multiplication with decimals <br> Children should also be taught to solve short multiplication problems with decimals. These should be linked, where possible to context e.g. money and measures. | $\begin{array}{r} 1.43 \\ \times \\ \\ \hline 8 . \\ \hline 2 \end{array} 586$ |

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| Traditionally our pupils need more revision of sharing and grouping from KS1. For this reason we start with concrete sharing of materials with and without remainders. <br> Division through sharing <br> Division with remainder through sharing <br> $14 \div 3=$ <br> Divide objects between groups and see how much is left over. | Division using number lines <br> Consolidate learning from KS1 using diagrams of sharing and repeated subtraction and addition on a number line to make jumps <br> Example without remainder $40 \div 5$ <br> Ask "How many 5 s in 40 ?" <br> Concrete methods could be represented pictorially within books to show understanding. | How many groups of 6 in 24 ? $24 \div 6=4$ <br> Abstract methods may be supported with pictorial methods within the children's books. <br> Children will begin to move onto division with remainders. A number sentence will support any abstract written calculation by using pictorial method to support. |  |

## Y4 Division



Y5 Division


## Dividing decimals by 10,100 and 1,000

Use place value counters to represent dividing by 10 100, 1000. Represent division using exchange on a place value grid up to 2 decimal places, while still introducing the language for 3 decimal places.


Exchange each of for ten 0.01a
Divide 20 counters by to.

Represent division to show the relationship with multiplication. Understand the effect of dividing by 10,100 and 1,000 on the digits on a place value grid up to 2 decimal places, while still introducing the language for 3 decimal
places.

| 0 | $\cdot$ | Tth | Hth | Thth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $\cdot$ | 8 | 5 |  |
| 0 | $\cdot$ | 0 | $\geq_{8}$ | $>_{5}$ |

$0.85 \div 10=0.085$

| 0 | $\bullet$ | Tth | Hth | Thth |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | $\cdot$ | 5 |  |  |
| 0 | $\cdot$ | 0 | $\rightarrow 8$ |  |

$8.5 \div 100=0.085$
$0 \cdot 2$ is 2 tenths.
2 tenths is equivalent to 20 hundredths.
20 hundredths divided by 10 is 2
hundredths.


## Long division - using factor pairs.

When a number is being divided by a number which is not prime, it is possible to solve the problem using factor pairs.
In this case the divisor is 14 . Rather than dividing the dividend by 14 , it is possible to use factor pairs instead. A factor Pair of 14 is 2 and 7.

In the example below, the dividend is divided by 2 and then the answer is divided by 7 . This then gives the answer to The calculation.


## Long Division - Abstract Method

1. How many 36 fit in 2 . Zero.
2. How many 36 fit in 24 . Zero.
3. How many 36 fit in 241 . Six. Six is placed on the top line.
4. Write the answer to $6 \times 36$ (216) underneath.
5. $241-216=25.25$ is written below.
6. As 36 does not fit into 25 , drop the next digit down from the original number. In this case a 2.
7. How many 36 fit in 252 ? Seven. Write seven on the top line.
8. Now put the answer to 252 below and subtract from 252 . The answer is zero and the calculation is complete.
9. At Nook Lane we encourage the children to continue to work through the calculation until they have reached a bottom answer of zero (unless a remainder is involved).

In order to help children with the 36 times table. At Nook Lane we teach the following method:
$30+6=36$
$60+12=72$
$90+18=108$
$120+24=144$
$150+30=180$
$180+36=216$
$210+42=252$

By teaching the children to partition in this method, enables them to answer complex questions, particularly when the dividend is a prime number and can not be solved using factor pairs.

