

Rushey Green Primary School Calculation Policy

Introduction

Children are introduced to the processes of calculation through practical, oral and mental activities. As they 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 the signs and symbols involved. Over time children learn how to use models and images, such as empty number lines, to support their mental and informal written methods of calculation.

The overall aim is that when children leave primary school they:

- have a secure knowledge of number facts
- recall key number facts instantly for example, all addition and subtraction facts for each number to at least 10, sums and differences of multiples of 10 and multiplication facts up to 12 x 12
- have a good understanding of the four operations
- are able to use this knowledge and understanding to carry out calculations mentally and to apply general strategies when using one-digit and two-digit numbers and particular strategies to special cases involving bigger numbers
- make use of diagrams and informal notes to help record steps and part answers when using mental methods that generate more information than can be kept in their heads
- have an efficient, reliable, compact written method of calculation for each operation that children can apply with confidence when undertaking calculations that they cannot carry out mentally

Children should not be made to go onto the next stage if:

- 1) They are not ready i.e. they have not yet secured the pre-requisite skills
- 2) They are not confident enough yet to move onto the next strategy and need to learn to 'own' it more

Children should be encouraged to approximate their answers before calculating.

TOP TIP!! Children should be encouraged to consider if a mental calculation would be appropriate before using written methods i.e. always being encouraged to think 'Can I do this in my head?' first....

Remember:

Every day is a mental mathematics day – ensure that children engage in sustained mental work each day (at least 10–15 minutes) to secure and develop knowledge, skills and understanding in mathematics. *Don't expect confidence in working mentally if practice, rehearsal and reasoning have not taken place*.

Hands-on learning is still important – provide appropriate practical equipment for children to use and manipulate, to help them to explore how and why things work and to learn to visualise, describe and represent what is in front of them. *Don't just talk about weighing scales, use one; using apparatus is better than imagining how it works*.

Seeing mathematics through models and images supports learning – help children to see how mathematics works and can be represented through physical objects, pictures or diagrams such as place-value cards, number sticks, number lines, representations of fractional parts. *Don't expect children to visualise and 'see' how something works if they have no models and images to draw from*.

Talking mathematics clarifies and refines thinking – give children the vocabulary and language of mathematics; provide activities and time for them to discuss mathematics, using this language. Teach children the precision of language, for example, using: prism, equals, factor and how to express their reasoning using language such as: if... then..., because, cannot be, never, sometimes, always. *Don't expect children to explain or provide reasons if they have no opportunity to use, develop and refine the language to do so.*

Make mathematics interesting – share your interest in mathematics with the children. Give children mathematics that engages them in: estimating and finding out about the number of bricks in the school building, testing out ideas such as when the sum of three consecutive whole numbers is a multiple of six, answering intriguing questions such as how many times their heart beats in ten minutes compared with an elephant or a mouse. *Don't expect children to be interested in mathematics if you don't share an interest and all their mathematics is routine and dull.*

Learning from mistakes should build up children's confidence – look out for mistakes and encourage children to recognise that making mistakes is something everyone does. Show children common errors and get them to identify and correct them. Encourage children to work with a partner and share their work. Don't just tell children something is wrong; help them to see what went right and to identify when it went wrong.

DCSF Securing Levels materials, 2009

EYFS

Non Negotiables for early number development (based on statements in Development Matters 2013)

- Providing opportunities for daily counting in real-life situations, ensuring pupils can:
 - Recite numbers in order and in relation to different sized sets or groups
 - See numerals linked to images of sets, actions and sounds (securing conservation)
 - Rehearse one-to-one correspondence
 - o Learn to organise the objects they are counting by placing them in a line
- Daily practice of nursery rhymes and songs to develop memory skills, including using points of transition
- Link number development with stories
- Develop technical language acquisition ensure that correct mathematical language is used, encouraged, explained and listed on planning
- Ensure that across a week there are opportunities planned within the daily provision for mathematical development and a clear balance between child-initiated and adult-led activities

Key Resources for teaching number:

1. E.g. NUMICON as the key visual for number



Key resources for counting:

• Cubes, buttons, threading, cards, magnetic numbers, dominoes, shells, bricks, blocks, fruit, children!

{INSERT PICTURES}

Photos of indoor and outdoor learning

Key Stage 1 - 2					
Progression of mental calculation strategies for adding whole numbers		P	Progression of mental calculation strategies for subtracting whole numbers		
•	Counting on in ones and then 10, 5 and 2 using a number line and	•	Counting back in ones and then 10, 5 and 2 using a number line and		
	without		without, from a multiple of 1, 10, 5 or 2		
•	Count on from the largest number ('put the number in your head…')	•	Know by heart all pairs of numbers with a total of 5 and corresponding		
•	Addition facts for all pairs of numbers with a total of up to at least 5 and		subtraction facts		
	corresponding subtraction facts	•	Know addition facts for all pairs of numbers to 10 and corresponding		
•	Know by heart all pairs/number bonds of numbers with a total of 10		subtraction facts		
•	Doubles of numbers to at least 5	•	Partition into tens and unit/ones, then recombine		
•	Identify near doubles, using doubles already known (5 + 6)	•	Use known number facts and place value to subtract mentally		
•	Begin to bridge 10 when adding a single-digit number	•	Find a difference by counting up from the smaller number		
•	Know by heart all pairs/number bonds of numbers with a total of 20	•	Count back in repeated steps of 1, 10, 100		
•	Know by heart all pairs/number bonds of multiples of ten with a total of 100	•	Subtract 2-digit numbers using partitioning into tens and units/ones, subtracting tens first		
•	Know all addition facts for all numbers up to 10				
•	Doubles of numbers to at least 10 and multiples of 10 to 100				
•	Identify near doubles, using doubles already known (40 + 41)				
•	Derive quickly all pairs of multiples of 5 with a total of 100				
•	Partition into tens and unit/ones, then recombine				
•	Doubles of all whole numbers to at least 20				
•	Doubles of multiples of 5 to 100				
•	Doubles of multiples of 50 to 500				
•	Identify near doubles, using doubles already known (80 + 79)				
•	Bridge through a multiple of 10 and adjust				
•	Add 2–digit and larger numbers using partitioning into tens and units/ones, adding tens first				
•	Identify near doubles using doubles already known (150 + 160)				
Key resources:			Please add ideas, resources, websites etc below		

K	ey stage 1-2	
P	ogression of mental calculation strategies for multiplication of whole numbers	Progression of mental calculation strategies for division of whole numbers
•	 Derive quickly: Year 1 - doubles of numbers to at least 5 Year 2 - doubles of numbers to 10 and multiples of 10 Year 3 - 6; use doubling starting from known facts e.g. double any two-digit number by doubling tens first Know by heart: Year 2 - multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables Year 3 - multiplication facts for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables Year 4 - all multiplication facts to 12 x 12 Derive multiplication facts from known facts e.g.: To multiply by 4, double and double again To multiply by 5, multiple by ten and halve To multiply by 20, multiply by 10 and double Multiply by 25 by x 100 and finding a quarter Find x 16 facts by doubling x 8 Find x 17 facts by x10 + x2 Find sixths by halving thirds Use closely related facts e.g. x 19 by x 20 and adjust To multiply by 10/100, shift the digits one/two places to the left Use factors e.g. 8 x 12 = 8 x 4 x 3 Use partitioning to multiply numbers to 20 x 1 digit number 	 Derive quickly: Year 1 - doubles of numbers to at least 5 and corresponding halves Year 2 - doubles of numbers to 10 and multiples of 10 and corresponding halves Year 3 - 6; use halving/doubling starting from known facts e.g. double/halve any two-digit number by doubling/halving tens first Know by heart: Year 2 - multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables and corresponding divisions Year 3 - multiplication facts for 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and corresponding divisions Year 4 - all multiplication facts to 12 x 12 and corresponding divisions Use known facts and place value to multiply and divide mentally, e.g.: To divide by 4, halve and halve again (and for finding ¼) To divide by 5, divide by ten and double (and for finding 1/5) To divide by 20, divide by 10 and halve To divide by 10/100, shift the digits one/two places to the left Understand that division can result in remainders and can be expressed in different forms
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Written methods

The aim is that children use mental methods when appropriate, but for calculations that **they cannot do in their heads** they use an efficient written method accurately and with confidence. Children are entitled to be taught and to acquire secure mental methods of calculation and one efficient written method of calculation for each of the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) which they know they can rely on when mental methods are not appropriate.

There are advantages in using standard written methods for calculations:

- They will always give the correct answer if applied correctly;
- They are efficient;
- They can be applied to any numbers, although they are not necessarily the best method for all numbers even if large;
- Eventually, when a standard method is fully understood, it is possible to carry it out automatically, so that concentration can be directed towards the development of new ideas in which that particular calculation plays a minor role.

However, their condensed standard form can be difficult to understand. Because the methods are condensed, they do not easily display the underlying mathematical rules that are being used. Children are prone to error when they use mechanically methods they do not fully understand.

Teaching Written Calculations, QCA 1999

The tables below set out the *expected* models and images, and **informal and formal** methods of calculation for teachers to use, model and demonstrate to pupils at each stage of learning:

	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
	Children are encouraged to develop a mental picture of the number system in their heads to use for calculation. They develop ways of recording calculations using pictures, etc.	Children are encouraged to develop a mental picture of the number system in their heads to use for calculation. They develop ways of recording calculations using pictures etc.	Children will experience equal groups of objects. They will count in 2s and 10s and begin to count in 5s.	Children will understand equal groups and share items out in play and problem solving. They will count in 2s and 10s and later in 5s.
	C Make 6 Qand 4 3 and 3 4 and 2 Qand 6 1 and 5 5 and 1	benefiting Linetia from P shore he had use s and he had a last	They will work on practical problem solving activities involving equal sets or groups. e.g. laying the table for the 3 bears and goldilocks	Count in 2's to find out how many socks
ption	EXPECTATION: all numbers are presented as soon as possible on a line to show the relationship between them	Bead strings or bead bars can be used to illustrate subtraction including bridging through ten by counting back 3 then	104 014110	are on the washing line:
Rece	Bead strings or bead bars can be used to illustrate addition	6-2=4	-101	
		They use number lines and practical		
	They use numberlines and practical resources to support calculation and teachers <i>demonstrate</i> the use of the numberline.	resources to support calculation. Teachers <i>demonstrate</i> the use of the number line.	Begin to introduce children to the visual images of arrays – using real-life examples (brick work, paving slabs, windows in a building, anything with a	
	2 + 5 = 7 2 count on 5 5 + 2 = 7 5 count on 2	TOP TIP; RECOGNISE THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST 5 CONTEXTUAL INTERPETATIONS OF SUBTRACTION THAT NEED TO BE TAUGHT! (See Derek Haylock, Understanding mathematics for Young Children'). AVOID OVER-EMPHASIS ON 'TAKE- AWAY'	repeating pattern in rows and columns!)	





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Support this as necessary with Dienes apparatus				
Key resources/key vocabulary				



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	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division
	 ✓ Carry below the line. 625 783 367 	✓ Decomposition 614 1	Continue to refine formal methods for TU x U, returning to the partitioning/grid method when necessary to reinforce understanding	Children will continue to use written methods to solve short division TU ÷ U and extend to HTU ÷ U
	+ 48 + 42 + 85 673 825 452	784	24×6 becomes	Short division HTU \div U
Year 4	and $789 + 642 \text{ becomes}$ $789 + 642 \text{ becomes}$ $789 + 642 \text{ becomes}$ $\frac{789}{1} + \frac{642}{1}$ $\frac{1431}{1}$ Answer: 1431	$ \begin{array}{r} - 86 \\ 668 \\ \text{and} \\ 932 - 457 \text{ becomes} \\ 8 & 12 & 1 \\ 9 & 3 & 2 \\ - 4 & 5 & 7 \\ \hline 4 & 7 & 5 \\ \end{array} $ Answer: 475	$\begin{array}{c} 2 4 \\ \times 6 \\ \hline 1 4 4 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$ Answer: 144 Extend when ready to working with 3-digit numbers HTU x U(Short multiplication – multiplication by a single digit) Grid method	147 ÷ 7 7 $\frac{21}{1147}$ Allow children to continue to look for efficient mental strategies, depending on the context and range of numbers Where necessary, return to the expanded (chunking) method to secure understanding and then revisited short method of recording.
	 When secure, extend to 4-digit numbers Using similar methods, children will: ✓ add several numbers with different numbers of digits; ✓ begin to add two or more three- digit sums of money, with or without adjustment from the pence to the pounds; ✓ know that the decimal points should line up under each other, particularly when adding or subtracting mixed amounts, e.g. £3.59 + 78p. 	 When secure, extend to 4-digit numbers Children should: ✓ be able to subtract numbers with different numbers of digits; ✓ using this method, children should also begin to find the difference between two three-digit sums of money, with or without 'adjustment' from the pence to the pounds; ✓ know that decimal points should line up under each other. 	$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
	TOP TIP: ALWAYS present calculations horizontally so that the child can consider the best mental and/or written methods	$\begin{array}{rcl} \pounds 8.95 &=& 8 &+ 0.9 &+ 0.05 & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & & &$	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$	
		TOP TIP: ALWAYS present calculations horizontally so that the child can consider the best mental and/or written methods	342 × 7 becomes 3 4 2	

	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division	
	Children should refine formal written method	Children should refine formal written method for addition and extend to numbers with	Extend methods to ThHTU x U, and introduce long multiplication for TU x TU	Extend methods to ThHTU ÷ U and interpret remainders appropriately for the	
	more than four digits.	more than four digits.	(Long multiplication – multiplication by more	context	
	3587		than a single digit)	Children need to be able to decide what to	
	+ 675	5131	72 x 38	do after division and round up or down	
	4262	Ø#67 - 2684	Children should approximate first 72×38 is approximately $70 \times 40 = 2800$	decisions about rounding up or down after	
	1 1 1	3783		division.	
10	Using similar methods, children will:		× 70 2 30 2100 60 2100	Any remainders should be shown as	
ar (add several numbers with different numbers of digits, including 		8 <u>560</u> <u>16</u> + 560 + 60	fractions, as decimals or by rounding	
/e	decimals;	Children should:	<u>+ 16</u> _2736		
	 know that decimal points should line up under each other, particularly 	✓ be able to subtract numbers with different numbers of digits	1		
	when adding or subtracting mixed	including decimals;	Leading to:		
	amounts, e.g. 3.2 m – 200 cm.	 know that decimal points should line up under each other 	24×16 becomes		
		ine up under each other	2 4		
			$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \times 1 & 6 \\ \hline 2 & 4 & 0 \end{array}}$		
			Answer: 384		
Key F	Key Resources/key vocabulary				

	Addition	Subtraction	Multiplication	Division			
	Children should refine and extend the columna	ar methods to number with any number of	ThHTU x U	Long division TU ÷ TU and HTU ÷ TU			
	digits.		(Short multiplication – multiplication by a single digit)	(Division with more than a single digit			
	Maintain their fluency through practice of menta and their multiplication tables	al calculations with increasingly large numbers	single digit) 4346 x 8 Children should approximate first 4346 x 8 is approximately 4346 x 10 = 43460 $\times \frac{4000}{3200} \frac{300}{40} \frac{40}{6}$ $8 \frac{32000}{2400} \frac{300}{320} \frac{40}{48}$ $+ \frac{2400}{320} \frac{48}{3200}$ $+ \frac{48}{34768}$ HTU x TU (Long multiplication – multiplication by more than a single digit)	Expanded method (chunking): $972 \div 36$ 27 -720 252 -252 0 $7x$ $-7x$ 27 Leading to contracted long division with different interpretations for remainders: $432 \div 15$ becomes			
Year 6			$\begin{array}{c} 372 \times 24 \\ \text{Children should approximate first} \\ 372 \times 24 \text{ is approximately } 400 \times 25 = 10000 \\ \times & 300 & 70 & 2 \\ 20 & 6000 & 1400 & 40 \\ 4 & 1200 & 280 & 8 \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} 6000 \\ + & 1400 \\ + & 1200 \\ + & 280 \\ + & 40 \\ + & 8 \\ \hline & 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8 \\ 8$	Or $ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			
			Contracted method for long multiplication is introduced for HTU x TU. $x \frac{612}{24}$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			
			HTU is multiplied by U HTU multiplied by T (0 is added) Total is found	$\frac{12^{-2}}{.15} = \frac{4}{.5}$ Or 432 + 15 becomes			
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Key R	Key Resources/key vocabulary						