



# Calculation Policy

**Including Models and Images** 









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#### Introduction

This policy exemplifies a recommended progression through both mental and written calculations for the four operations and has been devised to meet requirements of the National Curriculum 2014 for the teaching and learning of Mathematics. There is a strong focus on the use of models and images to support children's concept image of number and their understanding of how this relates to methods of calculation. It is also designed to give pupils a consistent and smooth progression of learning in calculations across the school, taking into account Maths No Problem! : a Singaporean teaching style in Maths.

The Calculation Policy shows methods that pupils will be taught within their respective year group. It is shown in teaching order. Children should be confident in choosing and using a strategy that they know will get them to the correct answer as efficiently as possible; pupils are free to choose their preferred method to solve calculations. Although our policy is set out based on The National Curriculum year group expectations, children work through the calculation policy systematically. Some children may therefore be working below year group expectation and should be taught the method appropriate for their individual stage in learning. This process should not be rushed; children should be moved on when they are ready.

"Children develop/learn in different ways and at different rates" - EYFS Principles.

Up to Year 3 the main emphasis should be on children working practically and mentally and recording through jottings. Once written methods are introduced, using practical images to support and develop mathematical understanding, mental skills must be kept sharp by continuing to develop and apply them with appropriate examples.

### Should children be taught one standard method for each operation?

Children should work through the school's agreed progression in methods in order that they know and understand a compact standard method for each numerical operation by the end of Year 6.

### How can children's readiness for written calculations be judged?

Judgements will need to be made as to whether pupils possess sufficient of these skills to progress. Different prerequisite skills are needed for each operation.

A short list of criteria for readiness for written methods of addition and subtraction would include:

- Do children know addition facts to 20?
- Do they understand place value and can they partition numbers into hundreds, tens and units?
- Do they use and apply commutative and associative laws of addition?
- Can they add at least three I-digit numbers mentally?
- Can they add and subtract any pair of 2-digit numbers mentally?
- Can they explain their mental strategies orally and record them using informal jottings?

Corresponding criteria to indicate readiness to learn written methods for multiplication and division are:

- Do the children know their 2,3,4,5 and 10 times tables and corresponding division facts?
- Do they know the result of multiplying by 0 or 1?
- Do they understand 0 as a place holder?
- Can they multiply 2 and 3 digits mentally by 10 and 100?
- Can they use their knowledge of all the multiplication tables to approximate?
- Can they find products using multiples of 10?
- Do they use the commutative and associative laws of multiplication?
- Can they halve and double 2-digit numbers mentally?
- Can they use multiplication facts to derive mentally, other multiplication facts they don't know?
- Can they explain their mental strategies orally and record them using informal jottings?

## **Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract:**

A key principle behind the Singapore Maths textbooks and Maths Mastery is based on the concrete, visual and abstract approach. Pupils are first introduced to an idea or skill by acting it out with real objects (a hands-on approach). Pupils then are moved onto the visual stage, where pupils are encouraged to relate the concrete understanding to pictorial representations. The final abstract stage is a change for pupils to represent problems by using mathematical notation.

Whilst this calculation policy aims to show the CPA approach to the different calculations, it is not always noted further up the year groups. However, it is expected that the CPA approach is used continuously in all new learning and calculations even when not noted.

## **Reasoning and Problem Solving:**

Once children are fluent in the calculation strategy for their year group, we deepen and embed understanding through providing children with a range of reasoning and problem solving skills that allow the children to show their full understanding in a range of different context.

## **Monitoring of Written Calculations**

It is important that procedures are in place to ensure that all staff are aware of the progression through calculations, and that children are being taught appropriate methods for their age and ability, which are in line with the agreed policy. This may include book sampling, reflective enquiries, monitoring of planning, learning walks and pupil interviews.



Key Vocabulary: multiply, multiple, groups of, times, lots of, repeated addition, product

In developing a written method for multiplication, it is important that children understand the concept of multiplication, in that it is:

• repeated addition

They should also be familiar with the fact that it can be represented as an array

They also need to understand and work with certain principles, i.e. that it is:

- the inverse of division
- commutative i.e.  $5 \times 3$  is the same as  $3 \times 5$
- associative i.e.  $2 \times 3 \times 5$  is the same as  $2 \times (3 \times 5)$

## **EARLY LEARNING GOAL:**

Children solve problems, including doubling.

In **EYFS** pupils should be developing their concept of the number system through the use of concrete materials and pictorial representations. They should experience practical calculation opportunities using a wide variety of equipment, e.g. small world play, role play, counters, cubes etc. They develop ways of recording calculations using pictures, etc. It is vital to develop a deep number sense so Number Talk is really important!

Children are encouraged to develop a mental picture of the number system in their heads to use for calculation. They should experience practical calculation opportunities using a wide variety of equipment, including small world play, role play, counters, cubes etc.

e.g. There are 3 apples on each plate. How many apples are there altogether?





Children may also investigate putting items into resources such as egg boxes, ice cube trays and baking tins which are arrays.



They may develop ways of recording calculations using pictures, etc.



A child's jotting showing the fingers on each hand as a double.





A child's jotting showing double three as three cookies on each plate.

Children will experience equal groups of objects and will count in 2s and 10s and begin to

count in 5s. They will work on practical problem solving activities involving equal sets or

groups. They will use a range of concrete materials to show a number and then repeat the number to show doubling. Then move onto pictorial representations:



Children double numbers to 5 using practical equipment, pictures and symbols.

When appropriate, children may begin to put items into groups and count them e.g. pairs of socks.



# YEAR I - MULTIPLICATION X

## End of Year Objective:

Solve one-step problems involving multiplication by calculating the answer using concrete objects, pictorial representations and arrays with the support of the teacher.

CONCRETE	PICTORIAL	ABSTRACT
Children will continue to solve	Children should practise making equal	Children count in multiples of a number aloud:
multiplication problems using practical	groups first and add them to associate	
equipment and jottings. They may use	repeated addition with multiplication. They	2, 4, 6, 8, 10

the equipment to make groups of will move on to use pictorial objects. Children should see everyday 5, 10, 15, 20, 15, representations: versions of arrays, e.g. egg boxes, baking trays, ice cube trays, wrapping paper etc 00 and use this in their learning, answering 4 groups of 2 =questions such as 'How many eggs would we need to fill the egg box? 4 groups of 5 =How do you know?' Children should be introduced to the 4 groups of 10= concept of repeated addition, through a range of different practical resources such as numicon, counters and multilink 5 twos are..... e.g. 2 nines are ..... Associate grouping to equal rows so children learn to count up in the same number:



Ten frames can help with doubling:	



Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication (using repeated addition) and write them using the multiplication (x) and equals (=) signs.

CONCRETE	PICTORIAL	ABSTRACT
Children should understand and be able to calculate multiplication as repeated addition supported by the use of	Children should focus on doubles, fives and tens:	Children should be able to write different number sentences:
practical apparatus such as counters or cubes. e.g.		2 + 2 + 2 + 2= 8
3 x 5 can be shown as five groups of		4  twos = 8
three with counters, either grouped in a random pattern, as below		4 groups of 2 = 8
		4 × 2= 8
or in a more ordered pattern, with the groups of three indicated by the border		Explore commutativity:
outline:	aa aa aa aa	
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# YEAR 3 - MULTIPLICATION



## End of Year Objective:

Write and calculate mathematical statements for multiplication using the multiplication tables that they know, including for two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, progressing to formal written methods.\*

\*Although the objective suggests that children should be using formal written methods, the National Curriculum document states "The programmes of study for mathematics are set out year-by-year for key stages 1 and 2. Schools are, however, only required to teach the relevant programme of study by the end of the key stage. Within each key stage, schools therefore have the flexibility to introduce content earlier or later than set out in the programme of study." p4

It is more beneficial for children's understanding to go through the expanded methods of calculation as steps of development towards a formal written method.

CONCRETE	PICTORIAL	ABSTRACT
Children use practical resources such as Base Ten to partition:	Initially, children will continue to use arrays where appropriate linked to the multiplication tables that they know (2, 3, 4,	Consolidate repeated addition before moving onto multiplication of 2 digit numbers. -Multiply the ones digit by the single-digit number
12 x 4 =	5, 8 and 10), e.g.	-Multiply the tens digit by the single-digit number
Multiply the Ones by 4:	$\bigcirc \bigcirc $	t o 2 3 × 2 6







	Children use symbols to stand for unknown numbers to complete equations using inverse operations: $\Box \ge 5 = 20$ $3 \ge \triangle = 18$ $\Box \ge 0 = 32$
	Partitioning: 28 x E = (20 x E) + (8 x E)
	$(30 \times 3) + (8 \times 3)$ = 150 + 40 = 190
	Children should also be using this method to solve problems and multiply numbers in the context of money or measures.



Multiply two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout and using all multiplication tables up to 12x12

CONCRETE	PICTORIAL	ABSTRA	СТ
Children use key facts to scale up with		Multiply the Ones then multip	ply the Tens:
multiples of 10: $6 \times 2 = 12$	👐 🥶 🥗	1 1 × 8	
6 x 20 = 6 x 20 Tens = 120 Tens	1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 1000 100	+ 8 O	
Use place value counters to visualise:	Using the part whole model to partition to multiply:	8 8	
10 1 10 1	11	<b>Regrouping:</b> Multiply the Ones:	2 3 × 6
10 <b>1</b>	10 1	-	1 8
	8 × 11 = 80 + 8 =	Multiply the Tens:	1 2 3 × 6
10 1		_	8







## Using Base Ten:

## 43 x 2 =





When children are working with numbers where they can confidently and correctly calculate the addition (or parts of the addition) mentally, they may do so.

Children should also be using this method to solve problems and multiply numbers in the context of money or measures.



Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number using a formal written method, including long multiplication for two-digit numbers.

CONCRETE	PICTORIAL	ABSTRACT
Once the children are confident at multiplying a 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number and have been given the precious concrete and pictorial experiences most children will not need the concrete and pictorial approach. It is important that children see the value of partitioning the number:	Part whole helps with partitioning to see the multiplication of each place value:	$ \begin{array}{r} 1\\ 2\\ 8\\ \times 26\\ \hline 168 \rightarrow 28 \times 6\\ +56 \rightarrow 28 \times 20\\ \hline 728 \end{array} $ Multiply by the Ones Multiply by the Tens







Multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication.

Multiply one-digit numbers with up to two decimal places by whole numbers.

CONCRETE	PICTORIAL	ABSTRACT
Once the children are confident at multiplying a 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number and have been given	Partitioning can help the process of multiplication:	Multiply the Ones first; Multiply the Tens Multiply the Hundreds
the precious concrete and pictorial experiences most children will not need the concrete and pictorial approach.	31 × 26 =	Multiply the Thousands Find the total Option for zero as a place holder
Place value counters can support understanding:	× 20 6	453 x 48
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